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Marquette National Corporation and Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. announce merger Marquette National Corporation

("Marquette") announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. ("Hemlock") (Pink Sheets: HMKF). Hemlock, based in Oak Forest, IL is the holding company of Hemlock Federal Bank. Founded in 1904, Hemlock Federal Bank has banking locations in Oak Forest, Oak Lawn, Lemont, Bolingbrook and two offices in Chicago (Back of the Yards and Little Village communities). Marquette is an Illinois-based bank holding company. Marquette's banking subsidiary, Marquette Bank, was started in 1945 and currently operates 20 retail offices located in communities in southwestern Chicagoland. In the all cash transaction, Marquette has agreed to pay $55.50 per share to Hemlock shareholders.

Subject to regulatory and Hemlock shareholder approval, the transaction is anticipated to be completed during the second quarter of 2006. Subsequent to closing, Hemlock branches will become offices of Marquette Bank, bringing the total number of Marquette banking offices to 26. Hemlock currently has assets of $292 million and the combined company's total assets will exceed $1.7 billion. "This is a merger of two very similar South Side institutions. Merging our contiguous branch networks will provide greater convenience for both Hemlock and Marquette customers," said Paul M. McCarthy, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Marquette. "We are very impressed with Hemlock's long history of service to the community as well as their strong financial performance in recent years." McCarthy also emphasized that customers of Hemlock will continue to be serviced at their current branch by the same employees they have come to know throughout their banking relationship with Hemlock.

"This agreement with Marquette brings recognition to our many years of hard work of building a strong franchise with attractive locations and a top-notch employee base," said Maureen Partynski, Chief Executive Officer of Hemlock. "We are pleased our employees will benefit from becoming part of a larger organization that is focused on growth while still maintaining its community bank heritage, and excited that our customers will benefit from a broadened array of financial products and services." Marquette National Corp. is the holding company for Marquette Bank. Marquette Bank is a full-service bank that serves the financial needs of communities in southwestern Chicagoland.

The Bank offers an extensive line of financial products including retail banking, insurance, investments, mortgage, trust and business banking to consumers and commercial customers. The Bank has 20 retail offices located in Chicago, Aurora, Bridgeview, Evergreen Park, Hickory Hills, Naperville, New Lenox, Oak Lawn, Orland Park, Romeoville and Summit, Illinois. Additional information on Marquette may be found on its web site: www.emarquettebank.com. Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. is the holding company for Hemlock Federal Bank, headquartered in Oak Forest, Illinois. Hemlock Bank serves customers in six full service branches located in Cook and Will Counties, Illinois. Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. will be filing a proxy statement and other relevant documents concerning the merger.

WE URGE INVESTORS TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Documents filed by Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. will be available free of charge from its Corporate Secretary at 5700 W. 159th Street, Oak Forest Illinois, 60452, telephone (708) 687-9400.

INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING A DECISION CONCERNING THE MERGER. Statements contained in this news release which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements, as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Such forwarding-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors, which include, but are not limited to, factors discussed in documents filed by Marquette National Corporation and Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. from time to time. Marquette Financial Corporation and Hemlock Federal Financial Corp. do not undertake, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to publicly release results of any revisions that may be made to any forward-looking statements.

Members were in attendance at the Irish Fellowship luncheon

Pictured from the left are Jane Nealis; Ed McElroy, with Comcast Channel 19; Santa Claus; Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany, who is also Vice President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago; and Clare Dwyer. Ms. Nealis and Ms. Dwyer are sisters of Commissioner Meany.

The above were on hand at the annual Irish Fellowship Club Luncheon, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel in Chicago, where over 1,000 people enjoyed the festivities.

Evergreen Park approves health inspection fees

by Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton announced at the Dec 19 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting that a public hearing would be held on Jan 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers. This meeting would be regarding an appropriation ordinance for the 2006 budget.

The board approved an ordinance amending a section regarding fees for food stores and food service establishments. This amendment allows the village to charge a $30 fee twice a year for health inspections and an additional $30 if a revisit is required. An ordinance approving the development agreement between the village and 3158 W. 95th St, L.L.C. for the construction of the Evergreen Park Plaza (Penelope's Center) was also approved.

The board approved the following business regulation certificates: Liberty Tax Service, an income tax preparation at the mall; Subway, to be located in the newly constructed Wal-Mart at 2500 W. 95th St; McNamara Tax Advisory Group, LLC, a financial advice and tax preparation service office at 9401 S. Pulaski Ave.

A resolution request to release the June 6, 2005 executive session minutes was approved as well as a resolution regarding a grant application for the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council local law enforcement block grant project, "BADGE."

"This will allow the village to received funding of $10,000 through the county from the federal government," Sexton said. This program allows the village to do many events through the police department especially with the young people of the community. "This gives our officers a good chance to interact with our young people," Sexton said. A contract with Air Comfort for $37,500 for the replacement of three roof top heaters for the police department was also approved.

The next meeting is Jan 9.

Helping others cope with mental illness

NAMI Southwest is sponsoring a free public seminar on Tuesday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ, 9411 South 51st Avenue in Oak Lawn.

The speaker will be James Peterson, MA, a therapist at the Olive Branch Counseling Center. Mr. Peterson will discuss how to help others cope with mental illness.

NAMI Southwest is a group of families, friends, consumers and professionals providing support, education and advocacy. Its purpose is to eradicate mental illness and improve the quality of life for those suffering from these diseases. We hold support group meetings for families of persons with mental illness on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:45 p.m. at the Pilgrim Faith United Church of Christ.

For additional information on the seminar and our support services, please contact Laura Guilfoyle at 708-425-0925.

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Staying health is Holistic Moms topic

Holistic Moms Network, Chicago Southwest Suburbs Chapter will be have a free meeting on January 18, 2006, 7:00pm at Homer Glen Town Hall

16057 Cedar Road in Homer Glen, IL. On the topic of Staying Healthy during Cold and Flu Season by Using Natural and Herbal Remedies.

Robin Fan, LAC, will be speaking on the topic. She has five years of comprehensive training in China with TCM medical degree, experience in TCM teaching and clinic practice in China and the US. Nationally board-certified and IL state licensed. For more info contact Karen 708-860-7813 or email Beth at Bethbustos@comcast.net.

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A Fork in the Road to Riches

"And so, our own thoughts and opinions are bent towards the real estate market, as if by some powerful magnet. Pretty soon, we have a warped view of the world...in which 'you can't lose money in real estate.'"

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

"The trouble with all salesmen," began a conversation yesterday, "is that they begin to believe their own claptrap. That's true of stock promoters. It's true of politicians. It's true of real estate investors. I don't know; it might even be true of used car dealers.

"Right now, all over America, people are becoming real estate brokers. There are thousands of new ones every day, because they think it is the royal road to riches. They figure they will get an inside track to making a lot of money. They figure they'll get paid for doing market research. I mean, they'll get to go around and look at houses that are for sale, and they'll get paid to do it. All they have to do is sell a house now and then and they can earn a decent living from commissions, but the real money is when they find a gem of a house at a discount; then they figure they will pounce on it.

"What's happened is that they've bought into the real estate industry's spiel. They think it always goes up. And since it's going up all the time, they want to be in on it.

"What you don't see in the real estate numbers is a lot of buying and selling within the real estate profession. A guy gets a license to sell property. The next thing you know, he's not selling a thing, he's buying. He is fundamentally a believer, but his buying is not 'normal.' A few years ago, he was probably buying tech stocks. And before that, who knows what it was, but this is not a guy who will hold onto his house in a slack market. He'll sell, either because he has to, or because he loses interest. There's a lot of that kind of very petty speculation going on. These people will leave real estate when the going gets tough and move on to something else."

We have been thinking about property - perhaps because we are surrounded by it. When prices rise more than 20% per year, as they have in the greater Baltimore-Washington area, it draws attention. We went down to Baltimore's Fells Point area last night for dinner. We felt as though we were in a new city. It was as if we had never been there before: New restaurants, new condominiums, and new parking garages.

(We recalled the days when you could get drunk and drive right down the main street directly into the water. Alas, those days are gone.)

And so, our own thoughts and opinions are bent towards the real estate market, as if by some powerful magnet. Pretty soon, we have a warped view of the world in which "you can't lose money in real estate."

Yet, we sit this morning in a building whose real value - even today - is probably less than it was 75 years ago. As near as we can determine, the value of central city property in Baltimore hit its high in the 1920s, or maybe before. Then, the city began a decline from which it has never fully recovered. By the 1970s or 1980s, it probably hit bottom with luxury apartments in the center of town selling for as little as $30,000.

Since then, prices have generally gone up, but even as late as the early 1990s, when we bought our office building, prices were depressed. Our place is an elegant mansion of 16,000 square feet. It wasn't in bad shape when we bought it, but the price reflected a long period of malaise and discouragement with property. We paid only $500,000 - and worried about it. Now, the building is probably worth more than a million. We have no sure figures, but we recall a calculation that showed it was worth more than that, in real terms, a century ago.

Out on the plains the story is a little different. As reported in this space a few days ago, prices for Kansas farmland reached a peak in the 1880s. They have never recovered.

Does real estate always go up over the long term? We don't know. If so, you may have to live as long as Methuselah to find out.

For more insight and analysis, please visit www.dailyreckoning.com.

Something Old SOMETHING NEW

Dear Brides-to-Be,

Now that Christmas is over, many of you may have become engaged. It's time to think about weddings you have really enjoyed and why. Coming down the aisle is important.

When you choose the location of the ceremony, you and your fiancé will have to sit down and talk! You may decide to pick one faith over the other, or just marry nondenominational and conduct the ceremony together. Be sure to discuss your plans with your families if they are paying for the wedding.

What type of vows do you want? Will you write something of your own? Express your love at this time in front of everybody to be bonded for life.

It is really beautiful to see weddings of all types where people have planned carefully and express passion for each other I want your wedding to be perfect.

Best wishes,
Carlene O'Connor

Publisher's Pen

While reminiscing the past from 1983 until 2005 and remembering why Village View Publications wrote a publisher's pen column was exhilarating. It was written as a means to interact with the readers. In the years 2000 through 2005, it ceased to exist with only special editions having the column.

It was recently brought to my attention that readers would like to have me bring back that column, so I decided this would be a great year for it. Readers, this is my New Year's resolution!

Let start talking about restaurants. There are many fine restaurants on the south side of Chicago and we will start with two. For a family restaurant, we selected two this issue with the first one being Karson's Restaurant in Evergreen Park.

Once a year Anita Anderson, our food editor and I go out for dinner. This year we selected Karson's. Anita ordered a turkey dinner and questioned the server if it would be real turkey or processed meat. Well, the owner, Nick came over to our table to say, "we only have fresh turkey meat cooked with the bone, not processed meat." She was happy and I had ordered lamb chops and received a nice platter of lamb chops, rice, Greek style broasted potatoes and vegetable. Anita looked at it and asked if she could try some of it because her husband Don loves lamb and wanted to know if the chops were tasty enough, they would continue to go there for lamb. Well they received the 4 stars for their lamb chops and beautifully displayed food setting. The turkey must have been good also but we still need a doggy bag.

Oak Lawn Family Restaurant also has great food!. Their style of serving is different than Karson's, that is why we selected these two restaurants. There are new owners at Oak Lawn Family Restaurant, so let me know what you think about both of these restaurants.

On the sad note, my sister-in-law, Rosemary Troia, age 65 passed away November 23rd, the day before Thanksgiving. She was a great waitress at Lemets on 55th and Halsted and Hickory Pit in Bridgeport for many years. Also, she worked as a floral designer until she had a stroke in 1990. She will be remembered at a memorial mass in January.

Eberhard Hamer, at rest December 7, 2005, is the husband of June, father of former employee, Linda DuPuy. Mr. and Mrs. Hamer were former owners of Service All, in Oak Lawn for many years. Eb was an engineer for Argonne Laboratories also for many years. As residents of Oak Lawn for more than 40 years, they were involved as a couple for the Boy Scout troops in Hometown and Oak Lawn.

They also played Santa and Ms. Claus for various schools in Hometown, Robbins and Oak Lawn. Whenever there would be volunteer work to do, Linda also volunteer them for it. Surely, his family and friends throughout Oak Lawn will miss Eb, his kind words will also be missed by many.

Martin Rochford, passed away December 13, resident of Palos Hills. Roch was an accountant for 50 plus years and worked in Mr. Greenwood, Oak Lawn, Burbank and Palos Hills. His son Ted (Veronica) and wife Mary, grandfather of Brendan James, age 1, survive him.

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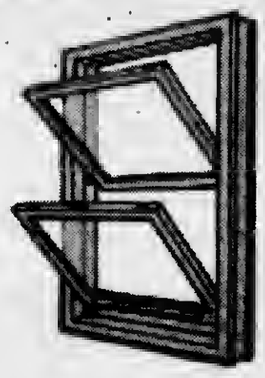

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By: Kathy Whirity
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RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR - A TIMELESS TRADITION

It was a comfort to see Dick Clark ring in the New Year. The eternal teenager had recently suffered a stroke and, though he was recuperating,, it was anyone's guess if he'd actually be there when the ball began its decent in Times Square. He has become as much a part of the New Year's celebration as singing "Auld Lang Syne" at the stroke of midnight. It's amazing to realize the former host of "American Bandstand" is now 76 years old.

New Year's Eve is traditionally a night of 'out with the old and in with the new' but without Dick Clark, it just wouldn't be the same.

I guess now his presence is a sort of staple of security for those of us who consider ourselves not growing older but growing older better.

There are some predictable rituals people engage in on New Year's Eve.

I remember my mother drinking Mogan David wine and eating sardines for good luck. I don't remember any resolutions being revealed in those days, or maybe I just wasn't paying attention.

Every year since I quit smoking, which is about 20 years now, I have made a resolution to lose the habitual pounds that seem to multiply with each year's passing.

Maybe that is my only resolution every year because it is one thing that hasn't changed from one new year to the next.

Well, I'm onto a totally new train of thought this year.

I've decided to give myself a break this year and not even utter the F -word, as in FAT.

Instead of obsessing about losing the weight, I am going to concentrate on gaining insight into the truly important things - like making meaningful memories with my family and spending quality time with friends. Now those are resolutions worth reciting and remembering.

And here, for your New Year's enjoyment, some famous quotes being shared as insights as we welcome in the wonderful year of 2006.

A quip from Helen Fielding - Bridget Jones' Diary-

"I do think New Year's resolutions can't technically be expected to begin on New Year's Day, don't you? Since, because it's an extension on New Year's Eve, smokers are always on a smoking roll and cannot be expected to stop abruptly on the storke of midnight with so much nicotine in their system. Also, dieting on New Year's Day isn't a good idea, as you can't eat rationally but really need to be free to consume whatever is necessary, moment by moment, in order to ease your hangover.. I think it would be much more sensible if resolutions began generally on January the second."

"Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to." -Bill Vaughn

"The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul." -G.K Chesterton

"Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits."-Author Unknown

"A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other." -Author Unknown

"Never tell your resolution beforehand, or it's twice as onerous a duty." -John Selden

"The new year begins in a snow-storm of white vows."-George William Curtis

"For last year's words belong to last year's language
And next year's words await another voice.
and to make an end is to make a beginning."-T.S Eliot

"Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring happy bells across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true."
-Alfred Lord Tennyson

I'd like to take a moment to thank each and everyone of you for your support of this column. Thank you for letting me share my thoughts with you each week.

I greatly appreciate it.

Peace love and joy are my wish for you this New Year!!

Love and best wishes, Kathy

Homeschool Group Meets at Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has formed a resource and sharing group for homeschooling families that meets every second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Activities include tours of the library, instruction on improving research skills, presentations and book discussions. No registration required. All ages are welcome. At their January 12, the group will explore educational activities focused on the following topics: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Chinese New Year. For more information, call the Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

Free child I.D. program

Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department will be on hand to create free Child I.D.s at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., Saturday, January 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These two page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and other information that could assist authorities with locating children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration required. Families may stop by anytime during this four-hour time span to make an appointment for that day.

For more information, call the library's Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

Library Hosts "Polka Party" Concert

Eddie Korosa, Jr. and the Boys from Illinois will perform a free two-hour concert of polka favorites 2:00-4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 15 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., first-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs can be viewed at the library's web site

(www.oaklawnlibrary.org). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

South America Travelog

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a travelog slide presentation featuring sights and scenes in South America 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 18. Free admission. First come, first-seated in their lower level meeting room.

Join photographer Jack Lund on a journey through exotic locales, including the Amazon Rainforest, Andes Mountains, Rio de Janeiro, Machu Picchu and other picturesque regions of Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Peru.

A complete schedule of adult programs can be viewed at the library's web site

(www.oaklawnlibrary.org). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

"Every Child Ready to Read" Workshops

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host two "Every Child Ready to Read" workshops for parents and caregivers of infants and children up to age five. Participants may attend this free one-day workshop on either Thursday, January 19 at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Saturday, January 21 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Learn fun ways to help make language, books and reading enjoyable for young children. Discover why early literacy is so important and how books, songs and word games can teach critical pre-reading skills. Registration begins Saturday, January 7 at the Youth Services Desk. Limited to 30 participants per session.

The content of this workshop was designed by the Public Library Association.

For additional information, call the Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

"Popeye and Swee'Pea" to Perform at Library

Children ages three and up are invited to enjoy a free performance by "Popeye and Swee'Pea," a trained dog act hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., on Sunday, January 22 at 3:00-3:45 p.m. Trainer Alex "Popeye" Rothacker will guide his talented dog "Swee'Pea" to perform amazing tricks, such as jumping rope, walking on a tightrope and balancing a glass of water on his head. Pick up free tickets at the Youth Services Desk starting Saturday, January 7. Parents are welcome to accompany their child to this program.

For more information about this and other children's activities, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

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Dan Farrell and Jaime Lynn Whirity

Engagement announcement

Dan and Marcella Farrell of Oak Lawn and Bill and Kathy Whirity of Chicago happily announce the engagement of their children, Daniel Jordan Farrell and Jaime Lynn Whirity.

Dan proposed on St. Patrick's Day of 2005 and, as the luck of the Irish would have it, Jaime said yes.

Dan is a graduate of the University of Illinois and of Kent School of Law. He is currently practicing law as a prosecutor for the office of the State's Attorney.

Jaime is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology. She is continuing her education by studying toward a degree in nursing.

The couple plan to be married at St. Christina church on June 24, 2006.

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Marist High School announces entrance exam

The Marist High School Entrance Exam for current 8th grade students will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2006. Students should arrive at 8:00 a.m. and enter through the gym doors, located on the east side of the school. There is a $25 test fee, however pre-registration is not needed. Students should bring two #2 pencils and are asked not to bring a calculator. The approximate dismissal time is 11:45 a.m.

In order to be considered a candidate for 2006-2007 admission, prospective students must test at Marist High School. For additional information, contact Alex Brown, Director of Admissions, at 773-881-5330.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic college preparatory school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

Photo: Dr. Vernon Crawley, Moraine Valley , John O'Neil, UPS, State Representative Bob Rita (28th Dist), Senator Edward Maloney (18th Dist) and State Senate President Emil Jones Jr.(14th Dist).

Chicagoland regional college program holds breakfast

The Chicagoland regional college program held a breakfast at Chicago State College in Chicago. The program is for students and legislators. This program (CRCP) a public/private partnership is between business and higher education.

The program provides its goal-oriented participants, a comprehensive student assistance package, to obtain a degree at an Illinois College/University. The employment component provides students with valuable work experience and transportable skills, while meeting the needs of business.

Benefits of those who participate are many. It has server 1300 students since its inception in 2003. The participating schools are: Chicago State University, Moraine Valley Community College, Morton College and Prairie State College. Over 255 of the students are UPS management. Illinois State Senate President Emil Jones Jr. has played a major roll in this education program.

The Crisis Center can use your old cell phone

Did you receive a new cell phone for Christmas? Do you know you can turn your gift into a gift for women and children who are victims of domestic violence by donating your old phone?

You can bring the phone to Neat Repeats Resale in Orland Park, or in Worth. The Orland location is 9020 W 159th St. and Worth is 7026 W 111th St. Hours are 10am to 3pm Monday-Saturday. Extended hours are Tuesday and Thursday to 8pm The Palos Bank and Founders Bank will also take phones.

Donations will raise funds for programs and client services offered through the Crisis Center. Phones are sent to the Shelter alliance, which is the number one cell phone fundraising program. The alliance has contributed over $2,000,000 to domestic violence organizations nationwide.

The Crisis Center provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence. For information or volunteer opportunities call 708-429-7255

This way to wealth

By David Hennings

Happy New Year, good tidings to all and hopefully everyone will have a healthy and prosperous New Year. This is a perfect time to review your current financial picture and map out a strategy for 2006. It is also a good time to reevaluate your investment goals.

Every year, everyone should review all of their current investments to see how they have been performing. There are different sources to gather this information. The easy way is to look in the paper that publishes values for the different mutual funds.

If you work with a financial professional, I would suggest talking to that person. It is very important that you compare the performance of your different investments against a similar index or mutual funds that invest in the same type of assets. The Dow Jones Industrial average is a good tool for large company stocks, but it is not good for small companies or global stock comparisons.

Everyone should evaluate your investment objective and the amount of risk you are comfortable assuming. Many mutual funds will change their investment objective or the type of stocks they buy. This can change the funds investment risk drastically, so make sure you are comfortable with the current objective of the fund. Also evaluate what your risk tolerance is and develop a portfolio that meets your needs and make sure you continue to evaluate it.

As risk tolerance changes in time, many factors change it, such as the amount of time before you will need to access money from the account. As you get closer, it is important to invest a portion of your account in more conservative assets such as bonds and money market accounts. A factor to consider is an emotional response to loosing money. Everyone remembers the stock losses in 2000 and 2002.

This brought home the risk element of the stock market. But as most markets work, there was a stock market rebound over the last three years erasing most of the losses of the previous bad market. If your response to loosing money was to sell, you should look at a more conservative portfolio.

These are very important exercises everyone should do so you can achieve your investment goals of the future.

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Brother Rice entrance exam

The Brother Rice High School will hold its Entrance Examination for eighth grade boys Saturday, January 14 at 8am. Test takers should bring two #2 pencils and $25 testing fee.

No pre-registration is needed. Brother Rice is located 10001 S. Pulaski, Chicago. For more information call Tim Lyons at 773-429-4300.

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Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message and add this: the only image you should see in your mirror is you, not what could/might have been.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You have a lot of work to do in mending fences that need mending, i.e., friendships, work related matters or forgiving.

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Stop, Look Within and Listen: the life you led in 2005 should not have loose ends to deal with in 06. Everyone has to have a something they've left undone but if it is something "major" it will be most regrettable, like a disaster just waiting to happen in 06, to you. It could be money issues, it could be health issues, it could be your marriage or the relationship you are in or trying to get into. Still, we all do pretty much the same things every day in our lives. This is because we are spiritual beings having a human experience living a life with someone, doing what we can to make a living, etc. But for most of us there is something that "only we can do" for ourselves, for our loved ones, bosses or friends or, for the sake of our very soul! You can be guided to know what this is in your own soul-searching. Never enter into the many battles that life brings to you unprepared to meet those battles, demands orchallenges. Right? What may seem unknowable for 2006 is know-able!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Marist to host concert

Marist High School's Fathers' Club will present a special performance by vocalist Ronnie Rice on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the main gym. Rice is best known as a member of the 1960's group The New Colony Six, when he sang lead vocals on hits such as "Things I'd Like to Say" and "I Will Always Think About You."

Snacks will be provided as well as a cash bar. This event is only open to people 21+. Tickets for the show are $20 each or $30 for two. Tickets can be ordered ahead of time by calling 708/448-2358. Tickets will be mailed out until January 5, and held at the door after that. More information is available at www.marist.net/dadsclub.htm <http://www.marist.net/dadsclub.htm>.

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St. Rita High School, 7740 S. Western Ave., will hold its entrance exam for eighth grade boys on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 8 am.

Test takers should bring calculators, two pencils, and a $25 testing fee.

No preregistration required. To be eligible for academic scholarships and/or financial aid at St. Rita, students must take the entrance exam at St. Rita on the above mentioned date.

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Second Winter homecoming for St. Rita

St. Rita High School will hold its 2nd annual Winter Homecoming on Saturday, January 28, 2006, from 6:30 till midnight. This adults-only event is four parties in one, all going on simultaneously at the school, 7740 S. Western Ave., Chicago. Different venues include: McCarthy's Irish Pub features Irish music, Irish dancers, libations; Rosebud Lounge features singer Nino Follino performing Italian love songs and 'Sinatra' style songs, and specialty drinks; Santa Rita Cantina features south-of-the-border cuisine and Mariachi music; Skyline Room features dancing to all the Motown hits you remember and love.

Something for everyone. Tickets are $25 in advance; $35 at the door. Call 773-925-5029 to order tickets or click www.stritahs.com to purchase tickets online.

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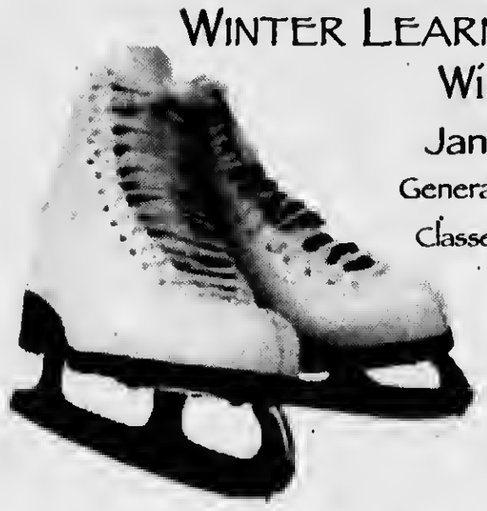

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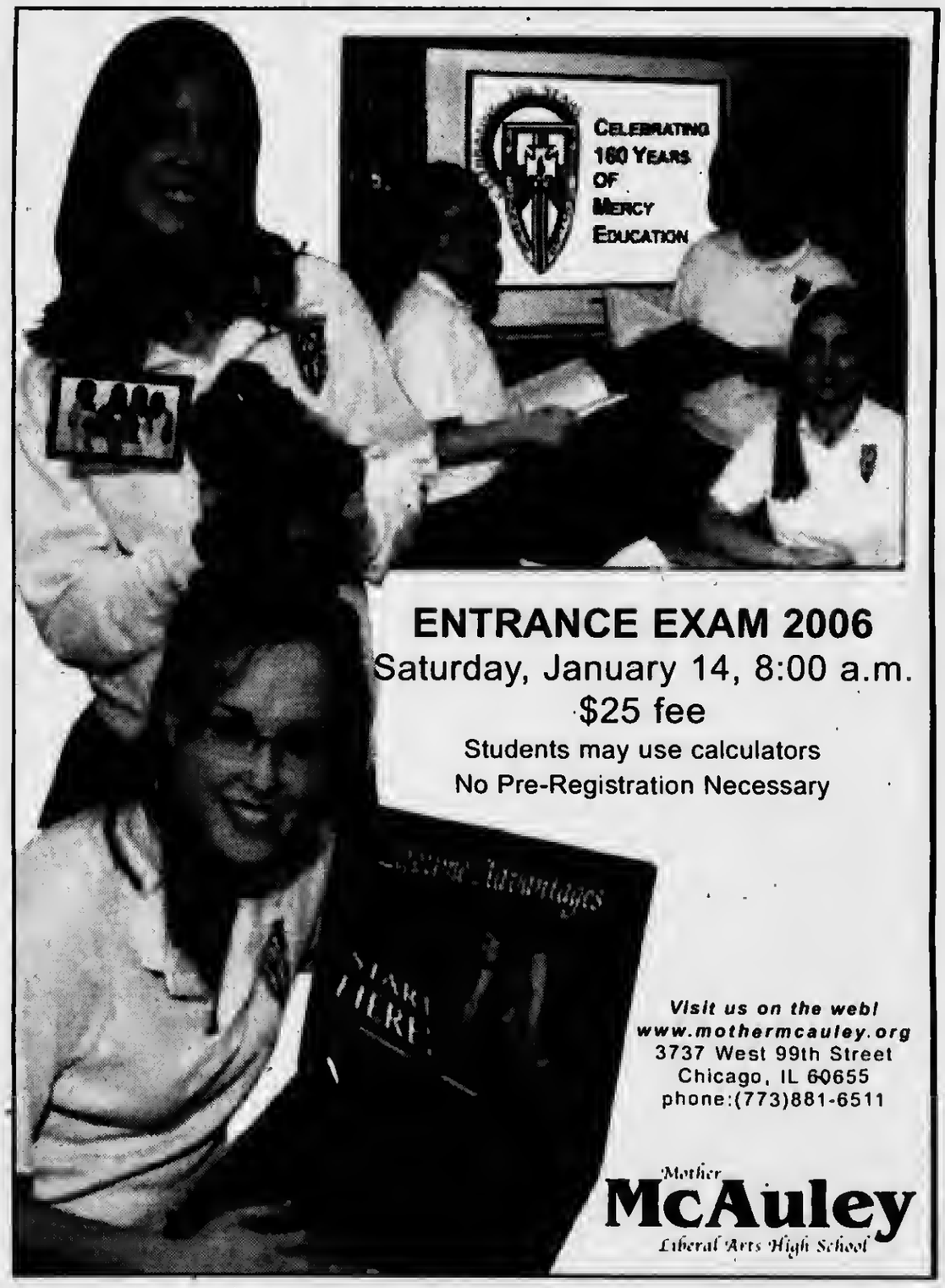

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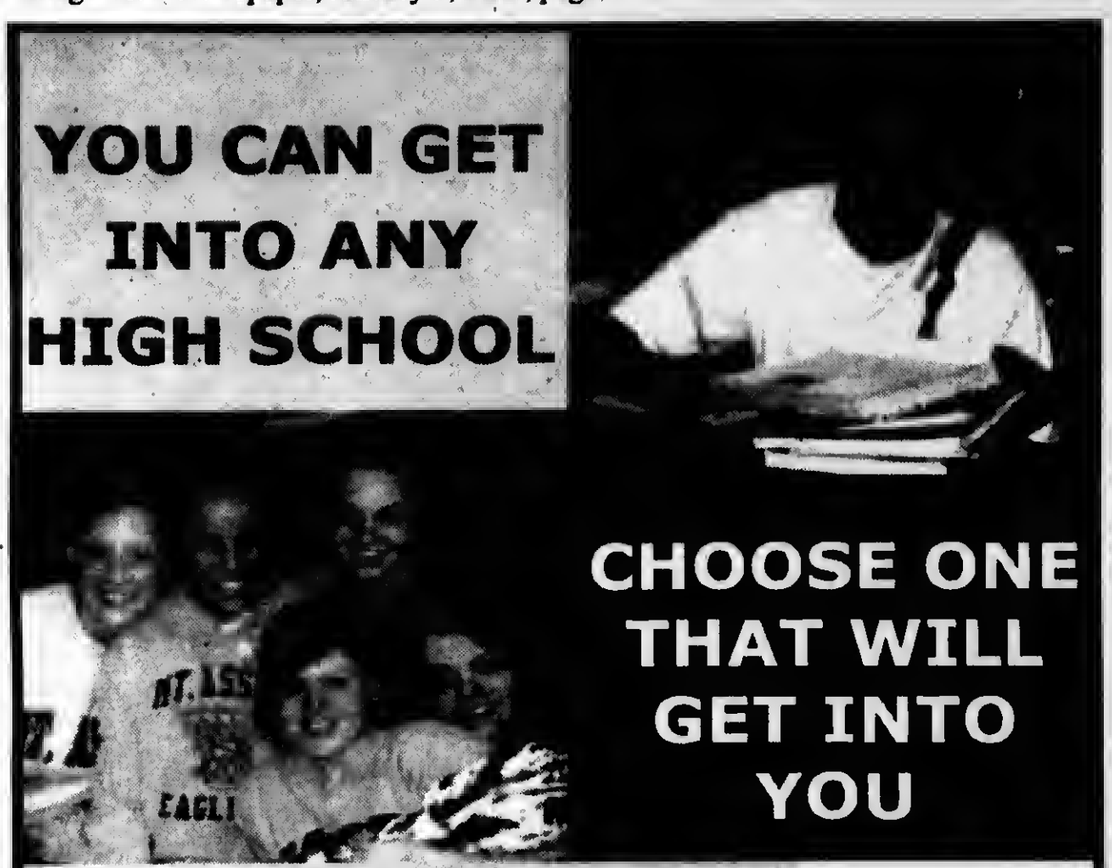

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Photo: Bannes students show they care with a heart! Nicholas, Lizzie O' Dwyer, Mrs Hartmann, Luke Van Kleek, Morgan Lenderink, Jack Pranekus and Rebecca Rochacz

Tinley Park Bannes School spreads happiness

When the first grade students of John H Bannes School entered into their Christmas project for the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, they did with heart and soul. The young people raised $700 in order to bring happiness to children spending the holiday season at the Crisis

Over 60 first-graders and teachers spent a morning at the Orland Park Mall. Each child selected a bear and chose a heart then they stuffed, fluffed, dressed and in some cases named the bear. They then tucked the bear into its own "condominium", brought it back to school and then it was given to the Crisis center to one who needed a new friend. Each child whispered a fond good-bye to the bear and gave an extra hug.

This is the second time the students took part in this project to benefit Crisis Center. First grader, Luke Van Kleek felt sorrow but agreed they are spreading happiness around the world one bear at a time.

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St Laurence Viking Alumni Kick-Off

The second annual St. Laurence Viking Alumni Kick-Off takes place on Saturday, Jamuary 14 at the Cork & Kerry Pub located at 10614 S. Western in Chicago from 2-6pm. The $50 donation includes food and beverages. The NFL divisional playoff's will be shown on multiple large screens. Walk-in's are welcome. Advance tickets are preferred. For tickets call Joe Faber at 708-458-6900 ext. 253 or Jim Grannan at ext 246 or email at jfaber@stlaurence.com.

The purpose of the event is to benefit the students and families of the school's Financial Assistance Program.

St. Albert the Great school news

St. Laurence High School announced the following 8th graders of St. Albert the Great are recognized as Leader/Scholars: Christopher Remijas, Dennis Nealis and Rafal Nawara. The students and their families were invited to attend the Leader/Scholar induction ceremony where they received a plaque at St. Laurence High School..

De LaSalle Institute at their Shining Star Award Ceremony recognized the following St. Albert the Great 8th graders: Kevin Wagner (The Brother Hilarion Charles Severin Award), Marcella Perez (The St., Benilde Romabcon Award) Theresa Statkus (The Brother Lewis Theodore Drachman Award) and Ashley Letourneau (The Brother Hillary Francis DeRoche Award).

Congratulations to the boys and girls! You are wonderful examples of the tradition of excellence that is part of St. Albert the Great School!

Burbank Park District news

Frosty 5k Run/1 mile Walk: Join the Burbank Park District in its annual event on Tuesday, January 21. It will start and finish at Newcastle Park. Start time is 9am. Long-sleeved T-shirts will be given to the first 100 participants. Awards will be presented to overall winners and 1st and 2nd place winners in each age category. The race route is TAC certified. The fees are $10 for walkers and $15 for runners who sign up by January 15 and $20 for runners after January 15.

Mother/Daughter Springtime Glamour and Glitz: Mom's sign up today for this class designed especially for you and your daughter. Create your very own bath, beauty and make-up products using a variety of colors, fragrances, and glitters. Enjoy quality time together while having a great time. The program is Saturday, January 21 from 10-11:15am for children 3-12 years old with their parent. The fee is $30 per couple.

Young Rembrants Pre-School and Elementary Drawing Classes: Let's get together to draw amazing things together! Young Rembrants' innovative, step-by-step drawing method can teach any child how to draw, regardless of artistic ability, giving them skills to express their creativity that will last a lifetime. The program starts Friday, January 13 and is a 5 week program from 4:30-5:15pm for children 3&1/2 -5 years old. The Elementary Drawing Class is for children 6-12 from 4:30-5:15pm. For more information call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.. It is located at 8050 S. Newcastle.

Village View staff offers all of our readers a Happy New Year!

Photo: Urologists/da Vinci specialists Dr. Steven Piepacli, Dr. Ronald Bonagro, patient Ted Hollander, Dr. David Zumerchik and Dr. James Sylora.

New techniques at LCM

A new procedure at Little Company of Mary Hospital offers reduced pain and healing time following prostate cancer surgery. It is one of the few hospitals to offer da Vinci Prostatectomy. In 2005 alone, 232,000 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer, the most common form among men in the United States. However it is highly treatable if found early. Surgical removal is one of the most effective treatments, but the operation causes a great deal of anxiety for the patient due to risks and effects on the urinary tract and sexual function.

Little Company of Mary Hospital is one of the only community hospitals in the greater Chicago area to employ the da Vinci surgical system in prostate cancer surgery. A minimally invasive approach, da Vinci employs the use of state-of-the-art robotic technology allowing surgeons to perform complex surgeries through tiny openings. The surgeon has the advantage of greater visualization and control of the instruments. In addition nerves and valves are more easily preserved using this technique, which offers the patient improved urinary control and preservation of sexual function. The patient also enjoys a shorter stay, less blood loss, minimal scaring and a faster return to normal activities.

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Who has to take the Entrance Exam? All students currently in eighth grade who want to attend a Catholic high school must take the Entrance Exam, including those who want to come to Peace.

When is the Entrance Exam? The Entrance Exam is on Saturday, January 14. You should arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. Plan to stay about three hours.

If I want to attend Queen of Peace, do I have to take the test at Queen of Peace? All students should take the Entrance Exam at the school they wish to attend, but to be eligible for a Queen of Peace Entrance Exam Scholarship, a student must take the Exam at Peace.

Do I have to register to take the test? You do not have to register.

What should I bring? Students should bring two sharpened #2 pencils, a calculator and the $25 testing fee.

What kind of Exam does Queen of Peace give? Queen of Peace uses an Exam called Explore, which was developed by ACT. It consists of four timed tests in the subjects of English, Math, Reading and Science.

When will I see the results of my Exam? Results from the 2006 test will be mailed on or about February 15.

Who do I call if I have other questions? Call 708.458.7600, Ext. 292 and ask for Ms. Whitehouse! You can also e-mail her at whitee@queenofpeacehs.org. Visit our website for more information about Peace!

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Steppenwolf for young adults season

Steppenwolf for Young adults continues its season with "Lady Madaline" a musical re-imaging of Poe's "The Fall of the House of Usher." Associate artist Jessica Thebus directs and the production's weekend performances are February 11-26, 2006 at 11am in the Steppenwolf Downstairs Theatre, 1650 N. Halsted. All tickets are $12.

What happened between Madeline and her twin brother Roderick that led her to be sealed up in a tomb alive! Professional productions of established plays, original adaptations of novels and new works are geared towards teachers, young adults and families. There will be performances for students Tuesday-Friday at 10am. In school residencies will provide scripts. Study guides, pre and post show workshops, theatre tours and other events surrounding the production.

The box office phone is 312-335-1650.

Northlight Theatre presents Noel Coward Celebration

The world premiere of "A Marvelous Party: The Noel Coward Celebration' is presented through January 8, 2006 at Northlight Theater at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie.

This showcases the music of Coward in an exhilarating evening of song. A contemporary of Cole Porter and Richard Rodgers, Noel Coward's lyrics are witty, his ballads bittersweet and melodies contagious. With a charming cast, nimble choreography and in his words, "you'll smile a little while.'

Northlight Theatre welcomes back, music director, Carl Danielsen of 2 pianos, 4 hands a 2003 box office smash to this production. Mark Anders and Anna Lauris and the live band round out the cast directed by David Ira Goldstein.

This is a co-production with Geva Theatre in Rochester, NY. Tickets are $34-$56 and are available by phone at 847-673-6300 or online at www.northlight.org. Performances are Tuesday at 7:30pm except Jan 3, Wednesday at 1pm, except Jan 4 and 7:30pm, Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday at 8pm except Dec 24,and Sunday at 2:30pm except December 25 and Jan 1, and 7pm (Jan 8 only.)

Columbia College Dance Center

Following a successful Afro Contempo Festival in spring 2005, The Dance Center of Columbia College presents a Latino Contempo Festival, a month of outstanding contemporary dance from Brazil, Chicago and Mexico in February and March 2006 at the Dance Center, 1306 S. Michigan, Chicago.

The following will be presented: Quasar Dance Company from Goiania Brazil, Chicago-based Luna Negra Dance Theatre and Antares Danza Contemporanea from Hermosillo, Mexico.

Various Dance Master classes will be held at Quilombo Cultural Center, 1735 N. Kimball (Feb 25) and Lou Conte Studio, 1147 W. Jackson (Mar 13). They are geared toward intermediary or higher dance levels.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm with Sunday performances at 3 and 8pm on March 5. Tickets are $20-$28. For tickets or more information call 312-344-8300 or visit the web at wwwdanceecenter.org.

A Rwandan Refugee presented at Victory Gardens

The London Times wrote, "beg or steel a ticket" for "Young Lady From Rwanda" in its debut in 2003. Award-winning playwright Sonja Linden created the inspiring tale of hope and healing by drawing on her own experiences working with refugees at the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture in London.

Starring in the Chicago premiere is Yetide Badaki who received raves for her breakout performance earlier at Victory Gardens in "Wheatley" and Lance Baker, in his Victory Gardens debut. Andrea J. Dymond, directs and is remembered for "Shoes" and "Free Man of Color".

For tickets call 773-871-3000. Previews are Jan 20-29, 2006. The production runs through March 5 on Tuesday through Friday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. There are two Wednesday matinee, Feb 15 and Feb 22 at 2pm. The theatre is located 2257 N. Lincoln and parking is available at the Children's Hospital lot.

Chicago Children's Theatre opens at Goodman

The new Chicago Children's Theatre's (CCT) launch production of Robert and Willie Reale's Tony-Award-nominated adaptation of the beloved children's stories by Arnold Lobel, "A Year with Frog and Toad" will open at Goodman Theatre's Owen Theatre. It is at 170 N. Dearborn St. and previews begin January 14 and regular performances January 20 through March 5. Tickets range from $12-$38 depending on previews or regular production. 2 for 1 tickets will be offered for Sunday matinee performances at 3:30pm as part of Target Family Matinee Series. The Goodman Theatre box office is 312-443-3800.

The new CCT is a company committed to the development and production of professional theater for young people and their families. CCT strives to provide affordable and accessible theater for families and area school children and develops educational materials and programs for families and educators.

Internship and apprenticeship programs are being developed for high school and college level students. For more information on Chicago Children's Theatre visit www.chicagochildrenstheatre.org.

Israeli singer returns to CSO

Chava Alberstein returns to Orchestra Hall for the first time since 2000 on February 1, 2006 at 8pm. . Ms. Alberstein is the preeminent voice of Jewish music, with nearly 50 recordings to her credit. Her music spans from the traditional Yiddish songs to folk music, and she sings in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

She has received six equivalents of the Grammy.

Ms Alberstein is joined by Les Yeux Noris on this special concert in a combination of gypsy, Eastern and Central European music. For tickets call the phone charge at 312-294-3000 or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan.

Much Ado About Nothing clearly deceives

by Marijo Doody

"Much Ado About Nothing" belongs to the group of mature romantic comedies of Shakespeare. The beauty of this virtuous deception is they are so plausible.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is about the fate of two pair of lovers. Beatrice (Kelli Fox) and Benedick (Jim Mezon) have much chemistry in their bantering about as the older couple. Hero (Susan Shunk) and Claudio (John Hoogenakker) the younger traditional couple are in the midst of the romantic deception.

In this "Much Ado About Nothing" the tragic action of innocent women and infidelity clearly shows the inadequacy in Claudio.

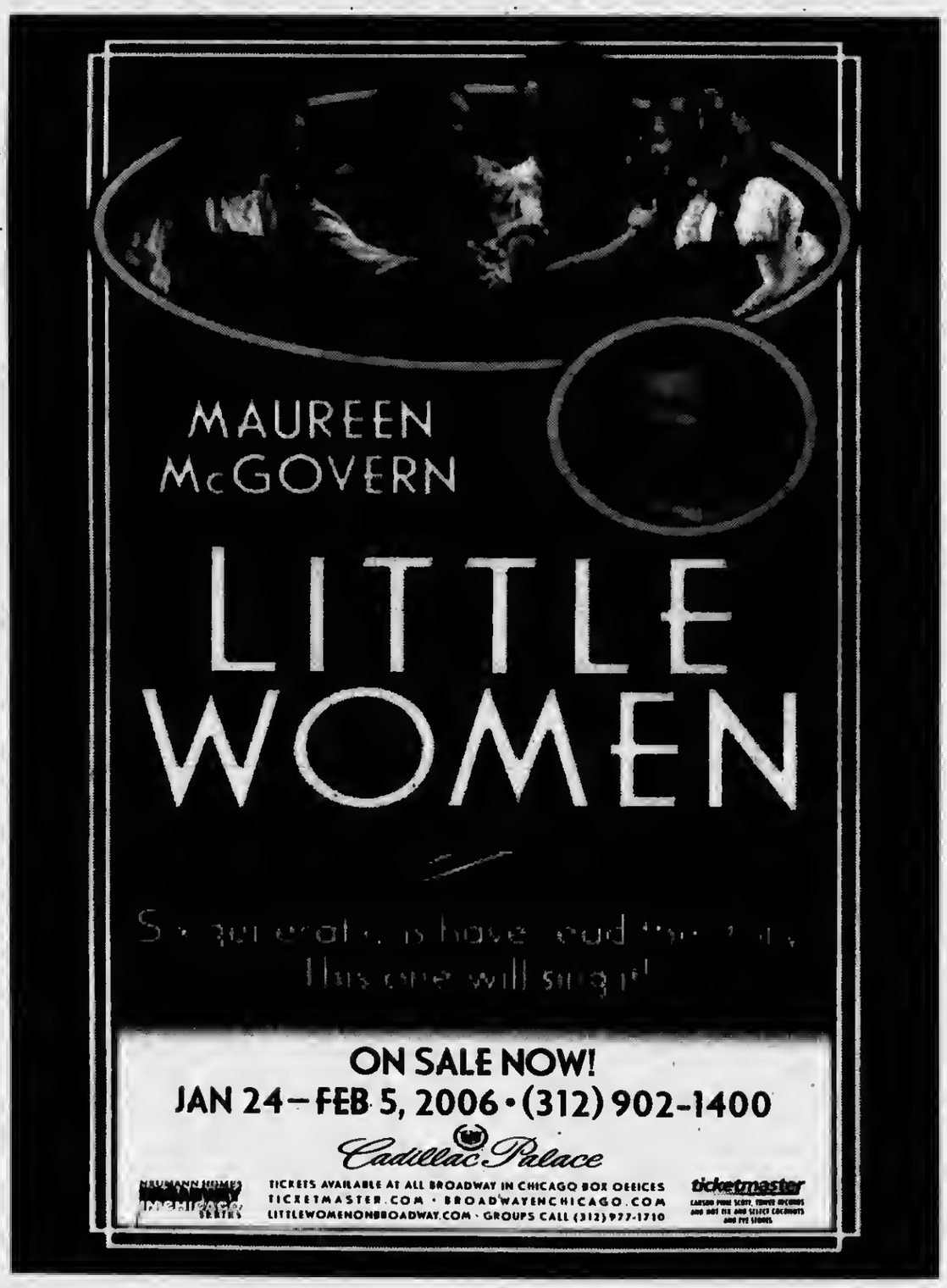
The real star in this production is Scott Jaeck as the town's bundling constable Dogberry in the zestfully comedic roll and his ragtag officers, James Harms and Don Forston.

Canadian director, Marti Maraden makes her debut in this production. She is known in all the major circles in Canadian Theatre. Merzon and Fox are also Canadian. One wonders if American actors could have done these rolls.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is about humor, emotion and maturity necessary for marriage and romantic love along with the dangerous effect of power and clearly deceives the viewer. It is definitely worthwhile to see.

Other performers noted are Kevin Gudahl, Sean Fortunato, Carey Cannon, Monet Butler and David Lively. Costumes (Christina Poddubink) were lovely and Patrick Clark's sets were perfection in the Italian way.

Tickets for "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Chicago Shakespeare Theater Box office at 312-595-5600 or visit the theater website at www.chicagoshakes.com Performances are weekday evenings at 7:30pm, Friday evenings at 8pm, Saturday evenings at 8:30pm and matinees on Wednesday at 1pm, Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 3pm. The last performance day is February 26.



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Orland Fire District stresses importance of smoke detectors

Two Recent House Fires Had No Smoke Detectors

Two recent house fires within the Orland Fire Protection District have prompted fire officials to sound a call for working smoke detectors in all homes.

"In the last few weeks, we've had two serious house fires and in both cases neither home had working smoke detectors," said Orland Fire Chief Don Bettenhausen. "Luckily, no one was seriously injured; however, we're asking that everyone in the Orland Fire Protection District not take a chance without a smoke detector," the chief stressed.

Statistics show that most fatal fires occur at night or in the early hours of the morning. The smell of smoke will not wake a sleeping individual. It can, in fact, put a sleeping person into a deeper sleep.

We're encouraging everyone to stock up on the batteries they need — especially now during the holidays — and leave the battery in the smoke detector."

According to the United States Fire Administration, by 1995 an estimated 93 percent of all American homes — single and multifamily apartments, nursing homes and dormitories — were equipped with smoke detectors.

"A working smoke detector is the first line of defense against fire," Bettenhausen said. "In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save lives.

Smoke detectors should be installed on every level of the home, including the basement. It really baffled our personnel that the two recent house fires didn't have smoke detectors. We're hoping that all families in the Orland Fire District heed this warning and make sure they have working smoke detectors on every level of their homes."

For more information about smoke detectors and the proper placement of them, call the Orland Fire Protection District's non-emergency number, 708/349-0074.

Chicagoland Outdoors Show

"Field & Stream Outdoor Life will present the 2006 Chicagoland Outdoors Show on Wednesday, January 18 through Sunday, January 22, 2006 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Ill. The 27th annual Chicagoland Outdoors Show-the largest sport fishing show in the greater Chicago area-will highlight a variety of new features including: Crunch, the 200-year old world's largest freshwater Alligator Snapping Turtle, the Fetch-n-Fish display, showcasing a group aquatically talented pooches; Interactive Gaming Pavilion and the Nextel Experience, Silicon Motor Speedway's state-of-the- art NASCAR racing simulators.

Show highlights include Outfitters and Lodges, North American Travel Pavilion, Boat Hall, Crunch Time, RV/ATV/4WD's. Stage shows: Great Lakes Timber Show, Cadens Kennels Dog Demonstration and Seminal Stage. There is a Kids Day on January 21. In the trout pond, for a fee skills can be demonstrated.

Contests include; goose calling, turkey callers, Bassmaster's Kids Casting and a fishing stump.

Show hours are Wednesday and Thursday 1-8pm, Friday 1-9pm Saturday Jan 21, 10am-9pm and Sunday from 10am to 5pm. Admission is $9 adults, $8 seniors, $3 kids 6-12 and free kids under 6. An adult 2-day pass is $14. Call 1-800-511-8376 to purchase tickets in advance.

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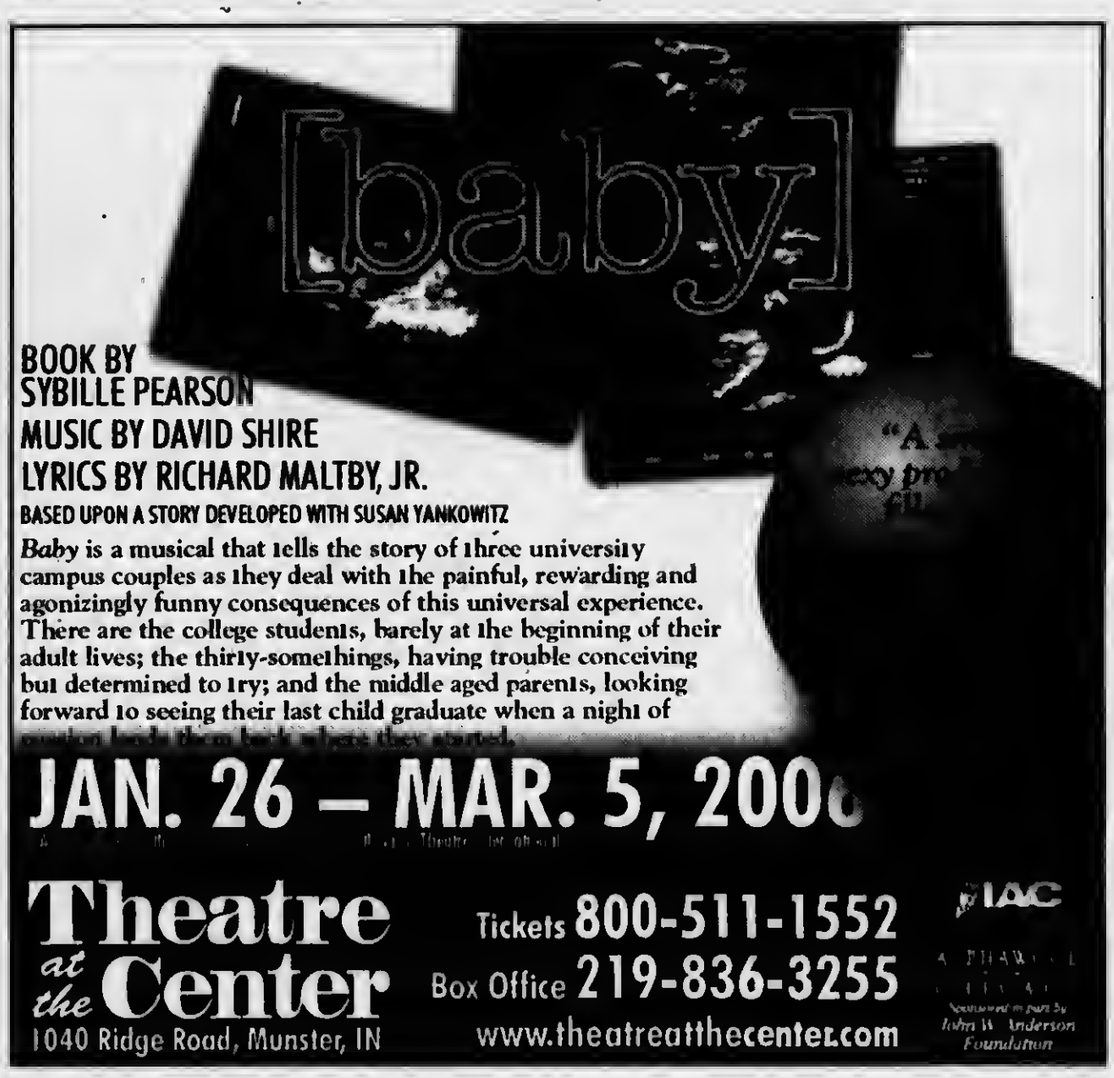

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Village of Orland Park names Director of Development Services

Peoria Native Brings Years of Municipal Experience

The Village of Orland Park has announced the appointment of Karie L. Friling to the newly created position of Director of Development Services.

Friling's most recently served as the Assistant Village Administrator for Community Development for the Village of Matteson. With Matteson, Friling was responsible for the combined department of building services, planning, community affairs, economic development, engineering and capital projects.

With Orland Park, Friling will lead the newly combined four division Department of Development Services which includes Planning and Economic Development; Design and Systems; Building and the village's private engineering contractor.

"We're very excited to have Karie Friling join the village's team," said Orland Park Village Manager RJ Zeder. The director of Development Services will be the Orland Park's primary economic development official tasked with promoting business investment in the community.

"We were especially impressed with Ms. Friling's extensive economic development experience with the City of Peoria," Zeder said.

Friling's almost ten years with Peoria includes overseeing the city's economic development efforts, budget and grant experience with the city's Finance Department and work in the City Manager's Office.

"Ours is a very broad position that will help to implement the procedures established by the Mayor and Board of Trustees," Zeder said.

"We're very happy to have found an individual who has the personnel management and economic development knowledge that we were looking for," the village manager added.

Friling holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Western Illinois University in Macomb. She is a member of the International City/County Management Association, the International Economic Development Council, the Illinois Tax Increment and Enterprise Zone Associations and a number of other professional and civic organizations. Friling will officially join the Village of Orland Park staff in mid-January, 2006.

The Staff at Village View wish all our readers a happy and healthy New Year!

Eddy Ocampo (right) and Eugene Peabody, members of Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago, are among the professional dancers who will appear in "The Best of Dance Chicago" on Saturday, January 28 at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center. This event is sponsored by the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission, this annual dance extravaganza features a number of different genres.
Ticket information is available by calling the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6140.

"The Best of DANCE CHICAGO" Coming To Orland Park

World-renowned professional dancers will return to Orland Park when the Village of Orland Park Arts Commission presents "The Best of Dance Chicago" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center, 13100 S. LaGrange Road (US Route 45), in Orland Park.

Representatives from the best dance companies in the Chicago area will perform on Saturday, January 28 beginning at 7:00 P.M. Founded by Fred Solari and John Schmitz, "Dance Chicago" celebrated its tenth anniversary in 2004. "Dance Chicago" has become the most diverse and comprehensive exposition of dance in the history of Chicago and is the only festival of its kind in the nation.

Dance companies scheduled to perform in Orland Park include Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre; Descarga Caribe; Bam!; Hip Hop ConnXion; M:A.D.D. Rhythms; InAside Chicago Dance; River North Chicago Dance Company; the world champion Trinity Academy Dancers; and Culture Shock. The evening's itinerary also includes performances by the Carl Sandburg High School Orchesis Dance Troupe.

New among this year's performers will be the winner of the Dance Slam held on January 27. Area dance companies and schools have been invited to compete on January 27 for a spot in the January 28 Orland Park "Dance Chicago" show.

Schmitz, who serves as artistic director and curator for "Dance Chicago," explained, "With each show, we tailor it for what the audience enjoys." Schmitz added, "This is a completely different show than what we presented last year," noting that the Orland Park show will feature a range of genres.

"We are very fortunate to have a number of different genres performing on January 28th," said Orland Park Arts Commission Chair Colleen Panega, who is again coordinating the village's dance event. "This is a magnificent collection that will appeal to all ages, from the very young on up to our seniors," she added.

A dance veteran, Panega has taught and performed all types of dance for more than twenty years. She has been teaching dance for the village's Recreation and Parks Department since 1991.

"We've also invited two local dance groups to participate," Panega added. "The students in the Carl Sandburg High School Orchesis Dance Troupe will share the stage with talent from throughout the world, as will the winners of the January 27 Dance Slam," she noted.

Reserved seating tickets are currently available at Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue. The cost is $15 for adults, $10 for seniors/students. The Cashier's Office at the Village Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6140.

Orland Park approves traffic study

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a traffic study surrounding the Main Street Triangle development at the Dec 19, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting and awarded a contract to KLOA of Rosemont in an amount not to exceed $8,500. The area to be studied is 143rd St from West Ave to John Humphrey Drive and LaGrange Road from 135th St to 144th Pl. The Main Street Triangle is being developed as a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district. Along with the area including a new METRA station and the extension of 142nd St to the new 600-slot commuter parking lot, the area will also include will also include housing and shops. Another possible entity is an Arts Center in the Civic area, which was discussed at the Dec 5 board of trustees meeting.

The traffic study is slated to commence shortly after the first of the year. Upon completion of the traffic study, the results will be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Transportation for review and preparation for future possible development of the site. The board granted the Marcus Theater at 163rd and La Grange Road a one-year extension to add three addition movie screens. The fourteen screen. all stadium seating theater will have 500 additional seats when construction is completed.

The next meeting is Jan 9.

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Stop, Look Within and Listen: the life you led in 2005 should not have loose ends to deal with in 06. Everyone has to have a something they've left undone but if it is something "major" it will be most regrettable, like a disaster just waiting to happen in 06, to you. It could be money issues, it could be health issues, it could be your marriage or the relationship you are in or trying to get into. Still, we all do pretty much the same things every day in our lives. This is because we are spiritual beings having a human experience living a life with someone, doing what we can to make a living, etc. But for most of us there is something that "only we can do" for ourselves, for our loved ones, bosses or friends or, for the sake of our very soul! You can be guided to know what this is in your own soul-searching. Never enter into the many battles that life brings to you unprepared to meet those battles, demands or challenges. Right? What may seem unknowable for 2006 is *know-able!*

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Marist to host concert

Marist High School's Fathers' Club will present a special performance by vocalist Ronnie Rice on Saturday, January 14, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the main gym. Rice is best known as a member of the 1960's group The New Colony Six, when he sang lead vocals on hits such as "Things I'd Like to Say" and "I Will Always Think About You."

Snacks will be provided as well as a cash bar. This event is only open to people 21+. Tickets for the show are $20 each or $30 for two. Tickets can be ordered ahead of time by calling 708/448-2358. Tickets will be mailed out until January 5, and held at the door after that. More information is available at www.marist.net/dadsclub.htm <http://www.marist.net/dadsclub.htm>.

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Palos Bank and Trust offers scholarship program

Gregory Paetow, president of Palos Bank and Trust, is pleased to announce in the sixth year of the bank's scholarship program that $2,000 scholarships will be awarded to one graduating senior from the class of 2006 from each of the following eleven high schools: Amos Alonzo Stagg, Carl Sandburg, Alan B. Shepard, Marist, Mother McAuley, Providence Catholic, Chicago Christian, Lockport High School, Lincoln-Way East, Lincoln-Way Central, and Victor J. Andrew High School. Students may apply through their college counselor's office at their schools. Applications must be returned to their counselor's office by March 15.

Palos Bank established this scholarship program in 2001 in recognition of the importance to its community of building future civic and business leaders, as well as to demonstrate its long-term dedication to continuing as an independent locally-owned community bank.

Through the Palos Bank Foundation, the bank has pledged to award scholarships on an ongoing annual basis totaling over $1 million over a period of 30 years.

Read Jacki Mari on Page 6

Sheriff visits Children's Hospital

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan made an early Christmas visit to patients at Hope Children's Hospital in Oak Lawn. Sheriff Sheahan, with the help of Santa Claus, delivered autographed NFL helmets to the children, which were donated by the Chicago Bears and several of their opponents while in town to play against the Chicago Bears.

National Radon Action Month

During National Radon Action Month, our nation is reminded of the serious danger that radon gas poses in our homes. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates radon causes about 20,000 deaths from lung cancer in the U.S. annually. Exposure to indoor radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking, and the U.S. Surgeon General has warned that radon is a national health problem.

Protecting the health of all Americans against the threat of radon gas begins with testing your home.

Radon is a natural radioactive gas released in rock, soil, and water from the natural decay of uranium. It is colorless, odorless and tasteless. Fortunately, scientists have provided tools that help protect us from radon, such as a simple test that determines the level of exposure in homes, schools and other buildings. Testing for and measurement of this dangerous gas in the indoor air we breathe is simple, inexpensive and effective. If elevated levels are detected, there are simple, cost effective steps that can be taken to reduce concentrations to acceptable levels.

The EPA is working in concert with other Federal, State and volunteer organizations to educate Americans about the risks of radon. During National Radon Action Month, I encourage all Americans to join in this crucial effort and learn more about the health risk posed by radon, test for it and, when warranted, take steps to reduce exposure to it.

As Assistant Administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation in the U.S. EPA, I urge the recognition of the month of January as National Radon Action Month. I encourage our partners and programs to honor this observation with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

MAYOR MC LAUGHLIN ATTENDS 2005 MIDWEST REGIONAL MAYORS' INSTITUTE AT UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin was one of only eight mayors representing Midwestern cities to be invited to participate in the 2005 Midwestern Regional Mayors' Institute, December 1-3, 2005 at the Chicago Architecture Foundation in Chicago.

The program was sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Architecture and the Arts, the Chicago Architecture Foundation and the Mayors' Institute on City Design (a program of the national Endowment of the Arts in partnership with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the American Architecture Foundation).

Chicago Ridge approved levy ordinance

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a resolution request for the 2006 municipal budget at the Dec 20, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The board also approved a 2006 levy ordinance; Village Clerk Chuck Tokar outlined the levied amount, which is 2.7 percent less than the previous year. An ordinance regarding a levy abatement ordinance was also approved.

The board appointed Police Chief Tim Balderman, Trustee Babcock and Trustee Quintos to a newly formed committee regarding the licensing of rental properties. The board also directed the village attorney to create an ordinance amendment pertaining to a section of the village code for the adoption of salaries.

The board approved a business license for Graces Kitchen at 5944 W. 111th St. A Fire Department request for the replacement of windows for $5,511 at Fire Station Number Two was also approved as well as a tuition reimbursement of $200. A Police Department request to purchase a truck scale for approximately $4,000 was approved as well as a vacation buyback for Police Chief Tim Baulderman.

The meeting concluded with Mayor Gene Siegel's appointment of 16-year veteran Trustee Maureen Socha to serve on the Fire and Police Commission. A solicitation request by the Girl Scouts to hold their 2006 Cookie Time between Jan 13 to the 29th was also approved.

The next meeting is Jan 17.

Chicago Ridge-Worth Chamber of Commerce kicks off

The Chicago Ridge-Worth Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to attend the 2006 Kick Off Event on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 6pm. The event is at the Garden Chalet, 11000 S. Ridgeland Ave., Worth at a cost of $5.

Bob West "Elvis' Impersonator is sponsored by Schmaedeke Funeral House and appetizers sponsored by the Archer Bank. There is a cash bar.

Join to see what opportunities await your business. If you are not currently a member, this is the perfect opportunity to see what we are all about. This meeting is to see the plans for 2006. Please RSVP to Debbie Stouffer at 708-930-0087 or Bonnie Price at 708-448-1181.

If you have a donated raffle items, bring them along.

Wishing all our readers a happy New Year!

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Children's Museum in Oak Lawn benefit

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn announces their 2nd annual Destination Imagination Gala Dinner & Auction benefit for Friday, March 24th at the Oak Lawn Hilton. The evening begins with cocktails at 6pm. Donation for dinner and open bar is $100 per person.

Museum founders Jim & Joan Buschbach and Carol Marsh will be honored as recipients for the 2006 Sharing Spirit Award. They shared a dream and encouraged it to bloom into a cultural and educational gift to the children of Oak Lawn and the surrounding suburbs.

The Children's Museum in Oak Lawn is dedicated to helping children of all ages sore with imagination and sail on clouds of fresh, exciting experiences. Plan to join with friends for a fabulous dinner and intriguing auction. To donate an item or for ticket information call 708-704-7549.

Maloney: new laws take effect

Several new laws sponsored by State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) have gone into effect. Among them are, schools need to provide steroid abuse prevention education to students participating in interscholastic athletics.

Schools are all ready required to offer prevention programs in 7-12 grades through science, health, drug abuse, physical education or other directed student athletics and carried out by their athletic coaches, who are often among the most influential people in the young athletics' lives.

Senate Bill 1221 prohibits the use of radar jamming devices, also known as "scramblers" on Illinois roadways. This devise is already banned in commercial vehicles.

House Bill 2062 provides a process for screening sex offenders and other violent outsiders before they are able to reside in certain facilities. Senate Bill 463 shifts responsibility for GED testing from the State Board of Education to the Illinois Community College Board.

House Bill 577 guarantees that all funds in the Illinois Firefighters' Memorial Fund are used exclusively to provide scholarships to children of firefighters killed in the line of duty and to maintain the Illinois Firefighters' Memorial Fund in Springfield and its annual memorial ceremony.

These new laws went into effect on Sunday, January 1. The General Assembly reconvenes its spring session on January 11.

Burbank Park District news

Discover the wonderful world of ballroom dancing. Improve your skills, learn new steps and how to lead & follow. You'll have fun dancing the Waltz, Cha Cha, Swing, Foxtrot, Rhumba and Tango. This is an 8- week class for adults, which starts on Friday, January 20 from 7-8pm. The fee is $44 for resident and $60 for nonresidents.

Come and join the fun and excitement of Latin dance! Learn how to Salsa, Cha Cha, Samba, Rhumba and Merengue. Basics on how to lead and follow, how to do turns and other fancy moves will be done. Be one passionate step ahead. Couples are recommended, but not necessary. This is an 8-weed class starting on January 20 from 8-9pm. Fee is $44 resident and $60 nonresident.

Oh the weather may be frightful but in our kitchen, we will be cooking up for a summertime picnic retreat! Join us for a break from the winter blues. The hands-on session teaches beginning cooking techniques to help kids learn basic skills and develop confidence in the kitchen. Fee is $8 for residents and $10 nonresident kids 4-8 years old. The class is on Friday January 20 from 4-5pm.

The Burbank Park District is 8-50 South Newcastle and the number is 708-599-2063.

Get fit in 2006

State Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) and Evergreen park Mayor Jim Sexton are reminding everyone that entries are still available for the "Get Fit in 2006" indoor triathlon on January 28 and 29 at Evergreen Park High School.

Each participant will be given a time to come to the high school, where they will spend 15 minutes swimming, 15 minutes on a stationary bike and 15 minutes on a treadmill. There will be a five minutes transition between each event. Participants are expected to be there for one hour and may choose the date to participate. The event is an effort to encourage people to live healthier lifestyles.

There is a $10 registration fee, and proceeds go to the Village pantry Coalition. Participants receive a t-shirt and there is an award and reception ceremony on January 29. The event is open to anyone 18 and over.

To participate, register at the Evergreen Park Village Hall, 9418 S. Kedzie, or at the Evergreen Park Recreation Department, 3450 W.97th. Registration is limited to the first 48 participants and is accepted after January 18, 2006.

See Page 6 for Jacki Mari's Predictions!

OLCHS teacher visits Japan on a Fulbright Scholarship

Special Education teacher Patricia Land recently returned from an 18-day trip to Japan as part of the Japan Fulbright Memorial Fund for Teachers.

The JFMF Teacher Program is funded by the Government of Japan as a gesture of thanks to the United States for providing Fulbright Scholarships to many Japanese nationals, allowing them to study in our country. Mrs. Land was selected from over 2,600 applicants this year.

The program began with a group orientation in San Francisco for all 200 teachers, who came from every state. Participants then traveled to Tokyo to attend workshops and seminars led by experts on Japanese education, culture, government, and economy. While in Tokyo, Mrs. Land and her colleagues visited museums, shrines, and historical places.

The Teacher Program concluded with a debriefing in Tokyo during which participants had opportunities to compare notes on their experiences. According to Mrs. Land, "This was an extraordinary opportunity to experience a unique and beautiful culture, get to know the Japanese people, and gain first-hand insight to their educational system."

The JFMF Teacher Program will have a direct benefit to Oak Lawn Community High School as Mrs. Land shares her experiences with

her classes and International Club. In doing so, it fulfills Senator Fulbright's dream of creating a more peaceful world through education and mutual understanding.

Oak Lawn postpones special service area again

by Matt Mayer

At the public comment portion of the Jan 10, Oak Lawn Board of Trustee meeting, a resident asked Mayor Dave Heilmann if the village was planning to create another Tax Increment financing (TIF) district. Heilmann responded, "I think the biggest opportunity for the future of Oak Lawn lies at 110th and Cicero. The village hasn't received full analysis from the TIF consultant. However if the question to me is, leave it like that or go out and TIF and change the future of our community in that area, I will vote for a TIF every single time", Heilmann said.

The 25-acre parcel contains a vacant Dominick's, an operating K-Mart, a Harley Davidson dealership. Trustee Tom Phelan and Heilmann have been interested in transforming this parcel into a life style center, which would include high-end retailers. Phelan has been promoting this concept to developers. Both Heilmann and Phelan have said several times that this area needs incentives, which a TIF would provide, to attract developers. A TIF uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is free from local taxing bodies; the maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

The board approved Heilmann's request to postpone the Target Corporation special service area- municipal parking lot ordinance until the April 11. Heilmann said the village has heard very little from Target Corporation. "I will wait until I hear back from Target", Heilmann said.

The board approved an ordinance for a two-lot resubdivision with lot variances at 6560 W. 91st Pl, a two-lot resubdivision at 9020 S. Ridgeland Ave as well as a two-lot resubdivision at 9805 S. Merton Ave. An ordinance authorizing the implementation of certain traffic regulations, no parking signs on 101st and 102nd and Pulaski Ave; a yield sign on 102nd St and Buell court and a residential parking, permit only, sign on 94th and Mead Ave was also approved. Mayor Heilmann read a proclamation for the 2006 Girl Scout Cookie Program. The Girl Scouts will be selling cookies from January 13 through January 29. The next meeting is Jan 24.

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General Assembly reconvenes for 2006

The 94th General Assembly resumed January 11, 2006. Senator Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) said "it is good to be back in Springfield, last summer my committee held hearings on the issue of graduation and retention rates in our higher education system and this month I will introduce legislation to improve those rates."

Maloney expects the state's budget to be an issue, as is every year and I will be fighting in Springfield for better funding for public education, healthcare and public safety. April 7 is the scheduled adjournment this year.

Maloney said, ' I am very much looking forward to continue to represent the people of my district in the Illinois Senate and I am looking forward to help craft public policy for the people of the 18th legislative district and the State of Illinois.

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Howling at the Moon

"The typical investor merely goes along; he follows the trends up, and back down. All the while he is paying Wall Street's costs. For long periods of time, he thinks he is smart."

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

Our advice at the beginning of last year was the same as the advice we gave the year before...and the year before that:

"Buy gold."

Happily, gold was the year's top performing sector, for which we claim no distinction nor ask for any thanks. We have only one virtue here at The Daily Reckoning headquarters: humility. And we are even insincere about that. But even false modesty is a great advantage in the forecasting business... that, and not watching television.

Nobody knows what will happen. The worst thing you can do is to listen to other forecasters. The New Year brings them out like a new moon brings out werewolves. All tend to howl the same thing: next year will be more or less like the last. How do they know? They read it in the paper!

If you follow the consensus view, you are doomed to mediocrity. You will make the same investments everyone else makes and get the same returns that everyone else gets. That is not only a dull and cowardly way to do things, it practically guarantees that you will eventually be looking for coins under cushions and asking your brother-in-law for a loan.

Over time, the great mass of investors loses money. Every bull market is followed by a bear market. Every bubble pops. Every great company fails. G.M. lost half its value last year. Fannie Mae fell 31%. The typical investor merely goes along; he follows the trends up, and back down. All the while he is paying Wall Street's costs. For long periods of time, he thinks he is smart.

The last bull trend in stocks began in 1982. It lasted for 18 years. All an investor had to do was to follow the consensus view and buy stocks 'for the long run.' Even now, five years after the peak, he still thinks he will get rich in stocks if he waits long enough. But the typical bear market lasts about as long as the bull market that preceded it. And it wipes out most or all of the gain. By the time it is finally over - perhaps in 2015 - the Dow will probably be back below 5,000 and the average investor will be underwater, because he bought when the newspapers, experts and forecasters told him to: when the Dow was over 5,000.

The big opportunities - and big dangers - are all at the turning points. When the Dow turns down, for example, it is time to sell. When gold begins to take off, it is time to buy. But these turning points - these major market shifts - are never foreseen by the forecasters. They are 'discontinuities.' That is, they are breaks in the visible and usual patterns. You cannot see them coming by looking at what happened last year or the year before. You cannot predict them by guessing that things, next year, will be more or less as they were the last. They are the very time when things will not be as they have been.

They are the points at which new trends begin.

We are too ornery to follow the crowd and too modest to think we know what the year ahead will bring. The best we can do is to follow hunches, instincts and old-fashioned theories. 'You get what you've got coming,' is one of them. 'Buy low, sell high' is another.

At $10 a barrel, they were practically giving away oil a few years ago. It hit $70 a barrel on September 1, 2005. Now it is around $60. Stocks were selling at only six times earnings in 1982; they were practically giving them away. Likewise, gold was so cheap in the early '70s - at $41 an ounce - they were practically giving it away. Whenever people give away something valuable, we take it.

We've never regretted buying at giveaway prices. It is what led us to buy buildings in Baltimore in the early '90s, our place in Nicaragua and, more recently, land in Argentina.

By the late 1990's, gold was being given away again at under $300 an ounce. Then, with the Dow near 12,000, we announced our Trade of the Decade: buy gold, sell stocks. Half the decade has now gone by. Gold has doubled. Stocks have not yet broken down. But we will stick with our trade. They are not giving gold away anymore. Still, a major bull market in the yellow metal is underway. We are too humble to make a forecast, but we stay with our Trade of the Decade, just to see how it turns out.

For more insight and analysis, please visit www.dailyreckoning.com.

Publisher's Pen

After Christmas and New Year's and the havoc of the holidays, we were very fortunate to have the dreary but warm weather. I'm still waiting for that winter blast, thinking it will be here soon. So far, so good!

Recently my e-mails brought some interesting news. A Yale person e-mailed me with information about vandalism on campus. Now, why would someone contact me about this? Readers, do you call this local news?

Without retrieving a picture from my new camera cell phone for the name mentioned, I am reporting that Priscilla Newman, Branch Manager of Washington Mutual Bank at 2321 W. 95th Street has achieved number one in the region for Washington Mutual. What that means is her branch received 317 new members in the month of December 2005, therefore, ranking number one in the region. Congratulations, that was a tough job with a handicap of a broken left foot.

Service needs are requested by Wheel for the World. Disability Awareness Sunday takes place January 29 at 9:30 a.m.-11a.m. at Moraine Valley Church, 6300 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights. Bring your used or unused wheelchairs, walkers, aluminum crutches and canes you no longer need to the church.

The family of Chuck Sobiski of Crestwood is requesting donations for Chuck, who needs a kidney transplant. A fund with the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF) has been set up for contributions. Chuck is currently on the transplant list at Loyola University Hospital and has Medicare paying only 80% of surgical costs and prescriptions. His medicine at present runs $1500/month and Chuck will need the medicine for the rest of his life. Your financial support is needed. On the check, in the memo section, put "In Honor of Chuck Sobiski," and send the check to:NTAF Kidney Transplant Fund, 3475 West Chester Pike, Suite 230, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

If you cannot afford a donation, please contact Colleen Sobiski to be put on the mailing list to participate in the shop and share days throughout the year at Jewel and Dominick's.

Lastly, thank you to everyone's friend, Bud Gavin for compiling a public service guide. Contact Bud at the Worth Township Clerk's Office, 11601 S. Pulaski, or call 708-371-2900 for a free copy!

CST Director Barbara Gaines Honored by Queen

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has awarded Barbara Gaines, Founder and Director of Chicago Shakespeare Theater on Navy Pier, an Honorary OBE (Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire). Sir David Manning, the British Ambassador to the United States, will present her with the insignia of the order on behalf of Her Majesty at an investiture ceremony at his Residence in Washington DC on February 10.

Sir David said, "I'm delighted Her Majesty the Queen has awarded Barbara Gaines an honorary OBE in recognition of her unique contributions strengthening British-American cultural relations and has given British theater artist opportunities in the Midwest and has given Chicago a dedicated Shakespeare company with a prominent home."

Barbara Gaines founded CST in 1986 and along with Executive Directive Criss Henderson, guided the development of the Theater's $25 million purpose-built venue on Navy Pier, where the company moved in 1999. This is the 20th Anniversary year of the Theater. I can remember when it was on Dearborn Street.

The OBE was founded in 1917 to honor First World War civilians, and now honors civilians and service personnel for public service or outstanding contributions to society.

Tinley Park Library News

The Tinley Park Public Library will be sponsoring a workshop on dream analysis on Wednesday, February 8th at 7 p.m. There is a 25 patron limit. Registration begins Monday, January 30th. For more information, please call 708-532-0160, extension 3. The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

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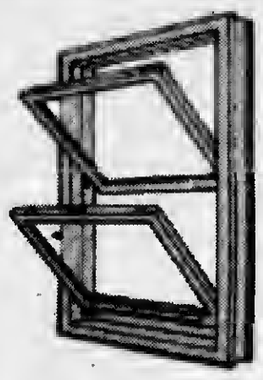

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

DANCE CLASS - A STEP IN TIME

by: Kathy Whirity
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When the dance instructor assured the class of Arthur Miller wannabes that nobody is born with two left feet, he hadn't yet met Bill and me.

Almost from the moment our oldest daughter became engaged I knew there would be endless plans to make and details to help her out with as the countdown to the wedding date was launched.

There were also less thought about little extras that soon came to mind when the excitement of the big night began waltzing through our heads.

What better way to enjoy the evening's festivities then for her dad and me to learn how to dance for the occasion?

That's what motivated us to join John and Maria Bell's dance class.

I've heard through the neighborhood grapevine that they can teach anyone to dance.

So it was with grand anticipation that we signed up.

Instantly we envisioned ourselves waltzing across the dance floor, spinning and turning, in one fluid movement, Fred and Ginger style.

The very first dance instruction was the basic box step of the Waltz. It looked so easy.

We began the count - 1, 2, 3, side, together, back. Finally we got the steps down, but we were about as graceful as two 2 by 4's.

A slight argument ensued when I was accused of trying to take over the lead, and I couldn't help but forcefully whisper, with slightly clenched teeth, that if HE'D take the lead I wouldn't have to assume the responsibility.

It didn't help that the room was filled with happy couples who seemed to take to the beat naturally.

Couples twirled, spinned and seemed to float on air all around us. We continued on - 1, 2, 3, side together, back.

By the end of that first class we still hadn't moved past the point of knowing the basics but we had graduated from dancing like 2 by 4's to at least resembling a pair of robots.

I was about to hang up my dancing shoes forever in sheer despair. Then I had the pleasure of mingling with other students in the class.

Turns out we were about the only brand new ballroom dancers in the group. Imagine that?

Some of the couples were old pros at beginning ballroom.

Mr. Bell gave us much encouragement as well as taking me for a spin around the dance floor.

A master at his craft, one dance with him and you actually can feel the rhythm come alive.

I'm happy to report that Bill and I did manage to side step our way through the six week course of the Waltz, the Tango, the Fox Trot and the Rumba.

We learned something new with each class. Patience comes to mind.

We've learned that practice and determination make for a better dancer.. That's why we signed up for another session. We're in good company. Like our newfound friends, we hope to someday get the fancy foot work down pat, one step at a time.

As our daughter's wedding day draws near and the days begin to get hectic, I try to keep a simple truth close to my heart

Life is all about the journey, and I am truly grateful for the ride.

And I know that even though Fred and Ginger we may never be, the steps we take, in time to the rhythm of life's music, are forever memories for Bill and me.

Illinois launches lottery to support breast cancer

A new Illinois Lottery game called "Ticket for the Cure" has been introduced and funds will be dedicated to helping fund breast cancer early detection, education research, and patient services throughout the state. The best hope is to find a cure. Breast cancer is the most common type among women 20 years of age and older, with an estimated 9,000 women expected to be diagnosed in Illinois this year.

Illinois First Lady Patti Blagojevich joined Senate President Emil Jones, Senator Mattie Hunter, Illinois Lottery Superintendent Carolyn Adams and Illinois Public Health Director Dr. Eric Whitaker in the program.

Illinois Lottery Superintendent Carolyn Adams indicated "we anticipate great success with this ticket and are hopeful that it will attract new players who will quickly discover how fun it is to play the Lottery."

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Willowbrook Ballroom is proud to once again host "Buddy Holly's Final Winter Tour 2006: A Tribute to Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and The Big Bopper." This fabulous live concert is an authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper's final tour. Chicago is the first location of the 2006 tour, and it will take place Friday, Jan. 20, at Willowbrook Ballroom, 8900 S. Archer Ave. in Willow Springs. Doors open at 7 p.m.; show begins at 8 p.m.

The Buddy Holly Final Winter Tour re-creates Holly, Valens and the Bopper's final show. Forty-seven years ago on Feb. 3, 1959, the trio was tragically killed in a plane crash immediately following a Clear Lake, Iowa concert en route to their next concert in Fargo, North Dakota.

Made famous by Don McLean in the 1972 song "American Pie," the day has become known among rock 'n roll fans as "the day the music died."

The Willowbrook Ballroom performance will include more than two and a half hours of high-energy entertainment featuring all the hit songs of the '50s era, including "That'll be the Day," "Peggy Sue," "Oh, Boy," "Rave On," "La Bamba" and "Chantilly Lace." This year marks the eighth consecutive year for this re-creation at the legendary Willowbrook Ballroom.

Once again, critically acclaimed John Mueller will perform as Buddy Holly. Mueller has received numerous accolades for his accurate portrayal of Holly in the theatrical production of *"Buddy...the Buddy Holly Story"*.

"His portrayal is mesmerizing," Niki Sullivan, an original member of Holly's band, The Crickets, said of Mueller. "Mueller plays Holly's songs precisely as they were written on a reissued 1957 Fender Stratocaster, the exact year and make of Holly's guitar."

J. P. Richardson, known as the Big Bopper, will be played by his very own son, J.P. Richardson Jr. Richardson Jr. brings the family heritage that only he can offer to the role of his legendary father.

Ritchie Valens will be performed by Ray Anthony, who stars in the "Legends of Rock and Roll" show in Las Vegas.

Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door. The show is suitable for the whole family. A portion of the proceeds will be used for music scholarships set up in the name of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper.

The Buddy Holly Final Winter Tour 2006 is expected to sell out quickly. For tickets and more information, call Willowbrook Ballroom at (708) 839-1000 or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

Oak Lawn Library hosts programs

The Youth Services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., is starting up a Chess Club that will meet Wednesdays at 4:00-5:00 p.m. from January 25 to March 1. Beginners as well as experienced players may participate.

Opera Lecture: Rigoletto

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture on the opera "Rigoletto" 2:00 p.m. Sunday, January 22. First-come, first-seated in the lower level meeting room. At this informative session, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer, Giuseppe Verdi, and play musical selections. Sponsored by the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site

(www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Library Community Information Centers

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has several community information centers offering local groups and organizations an opportunity to display or distribute posters, flyers, brochures, newsletters and other publications.

Those interested in placement should leave their material at the library's Reception Booth or mail items to: Oak Lawn Public Library, Attn: Public Relations Office, 9427 S. Raymond Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

All material must be pre-approved by the Public Relations Office.

Items are posted on a first-come, first-served basis. Preference is given to local organizations and events. Material posted or left in the public area without approval will be discarded.

Library board policy prohibits posting or distribution of the following: any materials which advocate the election or defeat of a candidate for public office or which advocate affirmative or negative votes concerning any political proposition; any advertisement or receptacle which solicits monetary donations or advocates or solicits consideration of any product or service sold by any business, charitable enterprise or individual; any advertisement or material for the purpose of employee recruitment.

Wolves Dwyer introduces the read to Succeed program

Matthew Cline of Oak Forest is dressed in professional hockey gear by Pat Dwyer, a right wing for the Chicago Wolves. Dwyer stopped by the Oak Lawn Public Library on January 3 to promote "Read to Succeed," a reading program initiated by the Chicago Wolves involving 28,000 children at 105 libraries.

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS

For all Signs for the week of January 17th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You should be very pleased about the progress you are making financially. The help you need is on the way. R and W help.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: It is written that nothing happens without a reason. Keep this in mind this week. Stop. Look and Listen. Dig deeper! S helps.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: A very important happening takes place and you will suddenly feel or sense the changes in your health and finances. L aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Procrastination can only hurt you. People will see this trait in you, both at home and at work [Not a good image]. W can help.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Hiding from making decisions? You must make them. Someone is depending on you "to" make them. J involved.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You seem to be living in two worlds at the same time. Your dreams can be disturbing. Start a dream journal. G aids.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Your Angel Cassiel seems to be working overtime trying to get you revved up to making those necessary changes in your life.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Visualization is the answer, the reasons for doing them are in "multiples." Health, money needs, and losing weight.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Money making ideas untried or not developed will frustrate you this week. So get busy and just do it. L and T can help. Ask.

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Psychic Insights
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Worlds within Worlds
Kenneth R. asks, "can a Psychic see into the other worlds that the Bible talks about. If so, are they anything like our world?" I have been able to see people and events from other times existing right here on Star Earth. I believe that wherever and whenever life existed anywhere here with us or even in very far distant places "imprints" are left for us to learn from, to improve on and enjoy. Things are pretty much the same everywhere. Sometimes we do not see cars and airplanes as we have them here, still, each "World" is designed to provide what the people need. Therefore, the answer to your question as far as I can attest to is a definite "yes" to both parts of your question. Martha asks, "can you tell me if I should seek another job? I truly resent my work and the people I work with. I am a Capricorn born Jan. 4." By all means, seek other work. You will be doing yourself, your boss and co-workers a big favour. You should find work within 3 weeks.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Willowbrook Ballroom Dances and Classes

Week of Jan. 23 – 29

7:30 - 10 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23 - Country and Western Dance - $6 Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m. C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.
7:30 - 10 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 24 - Country and Western Dance - $6 Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m. C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.

7:30 - 11 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25 - Salsa Night - $8 Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30 – 8 p.m. intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15 – 8:45 p.m. open dancing continues from 8:45 – 11 p.m.

8 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 27 - Good Time Charley Singles Dance - $8 Singles from all over Chicagoland attend this night of dancing and socializing. Willowbrook's own D.J. spins the latest hits. Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.
7:30 - 11 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28 – Salsa Customer Appreciation Dance - $5 Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. open dancing continues from 8:30 – 11 1 - 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. vide live ballroom music. Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.
6:30 – 10:30 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29 - Sunday Night Swing Dance - $8 D.J. Riley will provide jumpin' jivin' swing music. Basic swing lessons are from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Open dancing follows.

Photo 2005 recipients St. Laurence Awards, Mr. Dennis Freyer, Mrs. Bonnie Murphy, Mrs. Kathy Becker and Mr. Michael McQuinn.

St Laurence High School present awards

St. Laurence High School presented its highest awards to individuals whose spirit. Dedication and contributions have advanced the mission of the school. The Laurence Award was presented to faculty member Mr. Dennis Freyer, history teacher and former varsity basketball coach and Dean of Discipline. The Heart of St. Laurence Award honors Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Becker who have volunteered time and talents to the school.

The Black and Gold Award given for financial generosity was awarded to Michael McQuinn, St. Laurence Alumnus and member of the Board of Directors of the school.

Top Row: Br. Karl Walczak, CFC, president; Daniel Martin, National Merit Commended Student and Illinois State Scholar; Matthew Gorman, National Merit Commended Student and Illinois State Scholar; Michael Duffy, Illinois State Scholar; Steven Boderick, Illinois State Scholar; Brian Coughlin, Illinois State Scholar; John Vizza, Illinois State Scholar; James Antos, principal. Not pictured: Alan Peters, National Merit Commended Student

Brother Rice makes nation's top 50

Brother Rice High School, an all boys Catholic college preparatory school, recognized the academic achievement of its students and faculty at an all-school assembly recently. For the second consecutive year, Brother Rice was named to the Catholic High School Honor Roll, a roster of the nation's top 50 Catholic high schools. The school is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Among the Brother Rice High School students honored at the assembly were several Oak Lawn residents: (left to right) Bottom Row: Jay Swann III, Illinois State Scholar; Richard Pollak, Illinois State Scholar; Daniel Tardy, Illinois State Scholar; Thomas Pifko, National Merit Commended Student and Illinois State Scholar; Mark De Avila, Illinois State Scholar; Brian Behncke, Illinois State Scholar; Brendan Kellam, Illinois State Scholar.

American Girl Valentine Party

The Tinley Park Public Library will be sponsoring an American Girl Valentine Party on Saturday, February 11th from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Children ages 5-11 are invited to dress in their best clothes and bring their favorite doll for an afternoon on Valentine's Day fun!

Registration for the event will begin on Monday, January 30th. For more information about the event, please call 708-532-0160, extension 2. The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Sertoma sponsors 12th Annual Mardi Gras

With so much devastation from Hurricane Katrina, it may be impossible to have the real New Orleans Mardi Gras; however, Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center offers a fun-filled alternative right in your own backyard.

On February 4, Sertoma sponsors the 12th Annual Mardi Gras at Palos Country Club, 131st and Southwest Highway in Palos Park. Doors open at 6 p.m. and festivities run to midnight. Tickets are $75 per person and space is limited.

Festivities include an elaborate Cajun buffet, music, dancing, and extensive silent auction, caricature artist and more. All proceeds benefit the "Neediest Client Fund," which helps to satisfy Sertoma mission to provide quality professional care and products to all those in need of speech and hearing services regardless of income level.

Those who want to provide corporate sponsorship, displaying an ad in the ad book or donating to the silent auction or to purchase tickets call Kathie Gans at 708-599-9500.

Free health screening at Oak Lawn Senior Center

The National Council on the Aging/The Quigley Corporation is offering a FREE Health and Wellness Seminar. The topic of the FREE seminar is "Seniors and Medicine: Proper Use for Good Health."

The seminar will be at the Oak Lawn Senior Center, located at 5330 W. 95th Street in Oak Lawn, on Tuesday, January 24 at 10 a.m.

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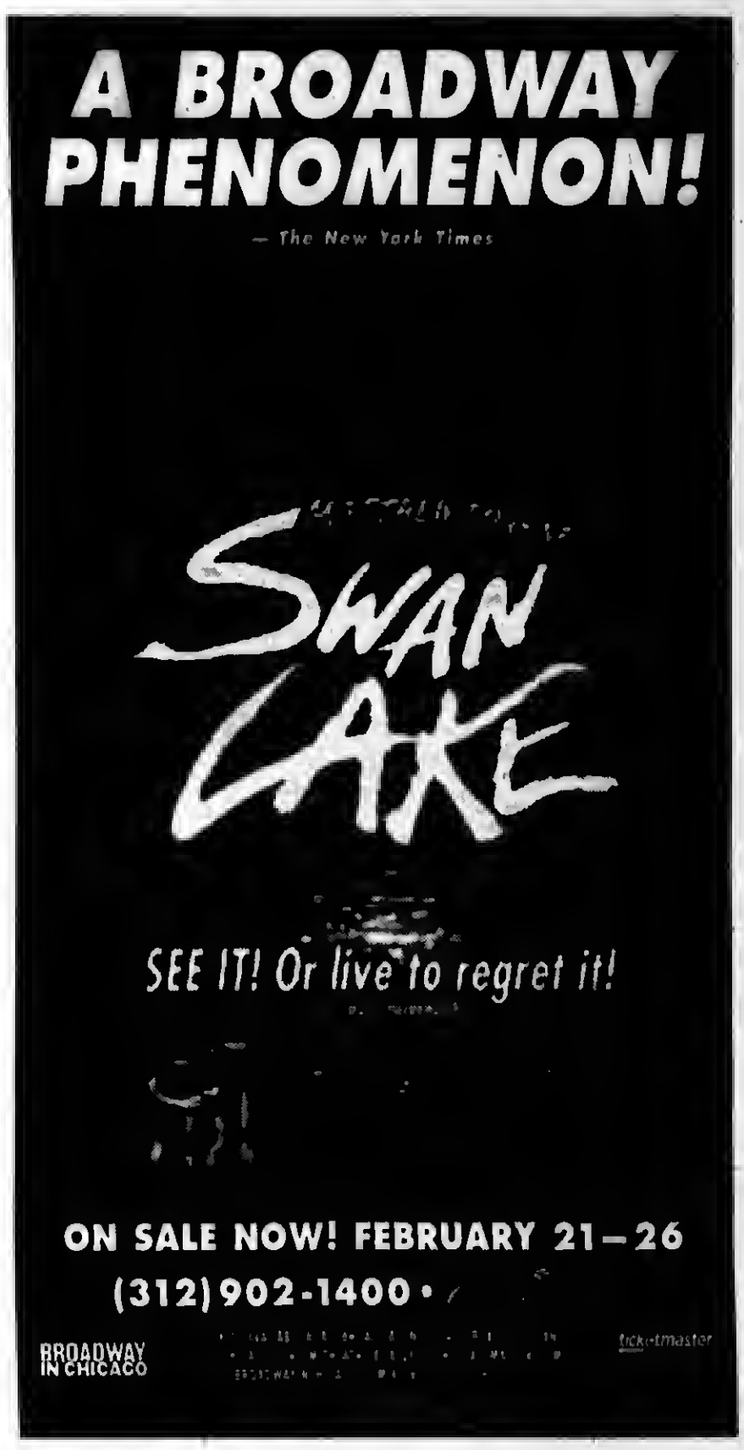

Deadline extended for the Oak Lawn Park District's Sixth Annual Photo Contest

There is still time to get your entry forms in for the Oak Lawn Park District's 6th Annual Stars of the Park Photography Contest, which helps promote the benefits of parks and recreation through the visual arts. The deadline for entries has been extended to February 24.

Entry forms are available at all park facilities and on line at www.olparks.com.

The contest is open to amateur photographers only. All photos submitted, must be taken in an Oak Lawn Park District park or facility. The four categories this year are: Athletes in Action (children or adults engaged in a sporting activity); Park Programs (children and adults participating in park programs); Winter Wonderland (Oak Lawn Park District parks during winter); and Fall Family Fun (kids, parents or other family members enjoying an Autumn day at the park).

The categories have changed slightly this year, in order to promote more fall and winter activity submissions. The benefits of recreation are year round and the Oak Lawn Park District would likc to showcase these activities.

Whether someone is out for a fall run, participating in a park program or children are out playing in the snow, these activities promote the park district's mission to be Healthy and Active.Prizes will be awarded to the best photo in each category.

Winning entries will be published in an upcoming park-district program guide. Both black-and-white and color prints sizes 3-x-5-in. and larger are acceptable.

To be submitted, digital photos must be printed on high-quality photo paper. Full-time Oak Lawn Park District employees are ineligible to participate. Photos cannot be returncd.

This years sponsors include: Annie's Ltd, Beggars Pizza, Fox's Pub, Hilton Oak Lawn and Sid's Home & Garden Showplace.

For more information, call (708) 857-2225 or e-mail info@olparks.com.

Evergreens meet February 4

The Evergreens meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm in the Auditorium of the HB Maher Community Center, 3450 W. 97th St., Evergreen Park. The next meeting is February 4 for Valentine's

Day and Pick a Secret Pal for the day. The group is a social group, which meets just for fun. Newcomers are welcome for an enjoyable afternoon. Donation is $1.25 each meeting and collected to offset the cost of refreshments.

Blue Man Group offers behind-the-scenes tour

Blue Man Group will host a League of Chicago Theaters Theater Thursday event, January 26, 2006. It begins with drinks and hors d'oenvres at Jack's on Halsted, 3201 N. Halsted St. at 7pm followed by an 8pm performance and will conclude with a post-show discussion with Blue Men and members of the band.

Blue Man Group provides a multi-sensory experience that fuses theater, percussion music, art, science and vaudeville into unique form of entertainment. The Blue Man Group performs at Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St. Chicago. The creativity of Blue Man Group helped it grow into one of Chicago's best loved attractions for locals and tourists.

Tickets for the event are $59 main floor and $49 balcony.

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Kiwanis Club Southwest

The Kiwanis Club of Southwest Chicago has been active in the community since 1958. They finished 2005 by providing Thanksgiving food basket and Christmas gifts to local families. They volunteered along Morgan Park High School Key Club and the Jewel Food on South Pulaski.

For more information, they meet every Tuesday at Corrigans Restaurant and Pub 3047 W 111th St. call Mike 773-429-1141 for a contact.

St Michael School Orland Park hosts open house

St Michael School hosts new students open house for pre-school children, kindergarten children, transfer students and their families to attend an open house. The two scheduled are Sunday, January 29 from 10am to 12 noon and Friday, February 3 from 9-11am.

Interested families will have the opportunity to see the school facilities, meet the teachers and staff. St Michael School is located 14355 Highland Ave, Orland Park.

St. Michael School serves more than 630 students from Orland Park, Homer Glen, Lockport and the Palos communities. It has provided quality education in a faith-based environment for more than 55 years.

For more information call 708-349-0068.

Burbank Park District goes to Disney on Ice

After saving the world, a super family needs a super vacation and Disney on Ice has got it with their new super-size show. Share the Incredible Magic Kingdom ice adventure with your family at the United Center on Saturday, February 4.

The bus departs from the Newcastle Park and recreation center at 10am and is due to return around 2:30pm. Cost of the event is $30 per person that includes admission and bus transportation.

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Congressman guest speaker for the Archer Heigths Civic group

Congressman Dan Lipinski (IL-3rd) (speaking) joined Archer Heights Civic Association President Stanley Lihosit (seated) for the installation of 2006 officers at the January meeting of the association. In addition to President Lihoist, the new officers include: 1st Vice President Andrew Esposit! o; 2nd Vice President Michael Kovak; Treasurer Ellie Fudacz; Recording Secretary Frances Prince; Sergeant-at-Arms Richard Delaney; and Corresponding Secretary Darlyne Delaney.

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Super Bowl Sunday at Stony Creek

Come watch the Super Bowl at the Stony Creek Clubhouse on Sunday, February 5. The festivities begin at 4pm. Fee for this event is $40 per person and includes food, 4 hour open bar, raffles and prizes. Tickets are available at the clubhouse. Stony Creek is located at 5850 W. 103rd St. For more information call (708) 857-2433.

Oak Lawn Park District Mardi Gras Mambo

Adults with special needs are invited to the Oak Lawn Park District's Special Recreation Mardi Gras Mambo on Friday, February 17. This is a great opportunity to celebrate Mardi Gras with a DJ and dancing.

The celebration will begin at 7 pm at Harnew Elementary School, 9100 S. Austin Ave. Refreshments will be served. Fee for this event is $4. Registration deadline is February 10. For more information call 708-857-2200.

Defensive Driving Program offered at OCS by ARRP

The Defensive Driving Program offered at Office of Citizens' Services by ARRP at the Evergreen Park Center, 3450 W. 97th. The two-day program is Thursday and Friday, February 9 and 10 from 9am to 1pm. Attendance both days is required.

The refresher course reviews rules of the road for the mature adult. Sign up in person or mail a $10 check made payable to AARP at the above address.. Include your name, address and phone number.

In addition to updating your driving knowledge and skills, you may be eligible for a discount on auto insurance after completing the course.

St. Bernadette's Las Vegas Night

Vegas Night 2006 will be held on Friday night, January 20, 2006 at the Oak Lawn Hilton from 7pm to 1am. This is a fundraiser for St. Bernadette's school athletic programs and a chance to get together with family and friends for a great evening. Even if you don't gamble, enjoy the camaraderie and entertainment.

The PAA has scheduled a great evening of entertainment to have fun the evening. Admission is $12, and $6 seniors 63 and older. No youth under 21 admitted. Games scheduled are poker, craps, bang tables, blackjack, roulette, pull tabs, wheel games and dice games. There will be music. Come one and all to help the kids keep the sport programs that are necessary for well-rounded children.

United Seniors in Evergreen Park meet

The United Seniors, meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Evergreen Park, 94th St. & Homan Avenue on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:30pm. Programs are entertaining, informative and filled with fellowship. Dues are $3.00 for 29\006 and help to cover monthly expenses. A refreshment fee of $1.50 is donated each meeting.

All seniors are welcome to attend monthly meetings. Call the church at 708-422-8451 for further details.

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Photo: Rod Thomas & Elizabeth Ledo in "Barefoot in the Park"

A romp in the park

By Marijo Doody

Drury Lane Oakbrook's (DLO) current production is the delightfully funny Neil Simon comedy "Barefoot in the Park." Casting in this Tony Award winner are Rod Thomas and Elizabeth Ledo as the young married couple, Paul and Corie Bratter. Watching the production, Ledo steals the show. The interesting thing in this play is this is before the feminist movement. One wonders if the comedic parts would have been as funny if she had a career as her husband did. Together they are marvelous.

After their sex-filled honeymoon, they are now in the real world in an apartment in New York. The 6th floor walk-up scenes are a cardiac arrest. Of course the flat has numerous shortcomings such as the broken skylight, no heat, no tub and no real bedroom. However, Corie is immune to the problems and is thrilled in her new life. However she is bored, when Paul goes to work.

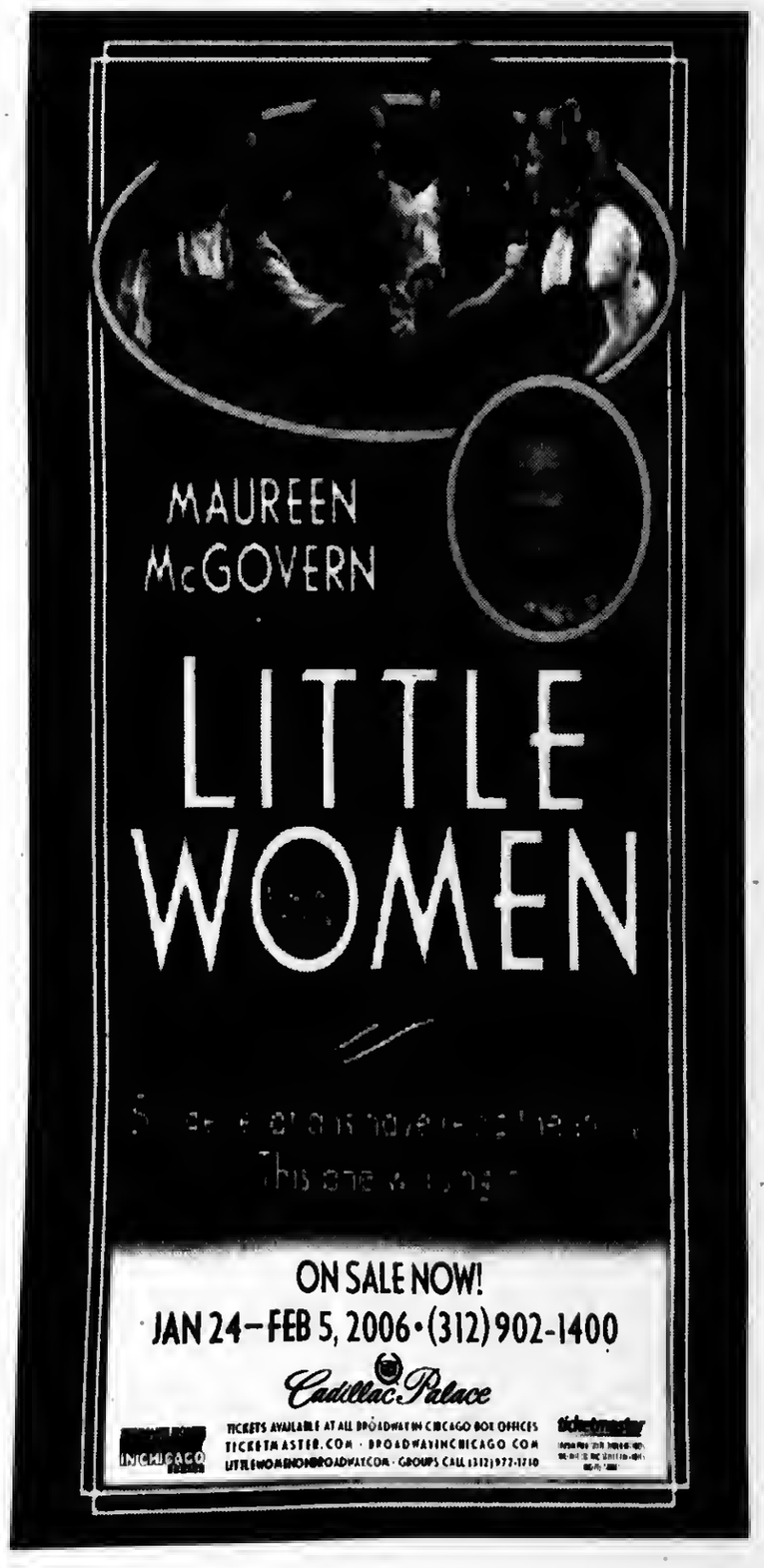
Whether Neil Simon sensed it, the comedy is more than a period of newly wed adjustments and it is the beginning of a desperate homemaker. However, Simon sticks to basics and the couple soon starts to disappoint each other where divorce seems to be the only option.

Thomas has previously been at DLO, whereas this is Ledo's first time. Ledo runs a race in every production and "brings a unique mixture of naivete and sharpness to her role." Ledo did this last season when she starred in the Writers' Theatre production of "Arms and the Man." She and this writer share the same Alma Mater, Loyola University (Mundelein College) and at the afterglow shared stories about the 8th floor.

Peggy Roeder and Jim McCince were spectacular in their roles as Mrs. Banks and Victor Velaseo. The audience really responded to the actor's antics on stage. Both are longtime favorites in the Chicago theatre scene. Roeder makes every moment count and these scenes show what a different era the play is from. Roeder and I shared memories of film making in Chicago from last summer after the production.

"Barefoot in the Park" director William Osetek was ably assisted by Brian Sidney Bembridge (Scenic Design), Chris Phillips (Lighting Design) and Carol J. Blanchard (Costume Design). Blanchard won a Jeff Citation Award for last year's "Sweeney Todd" at Porchlight Theatre.

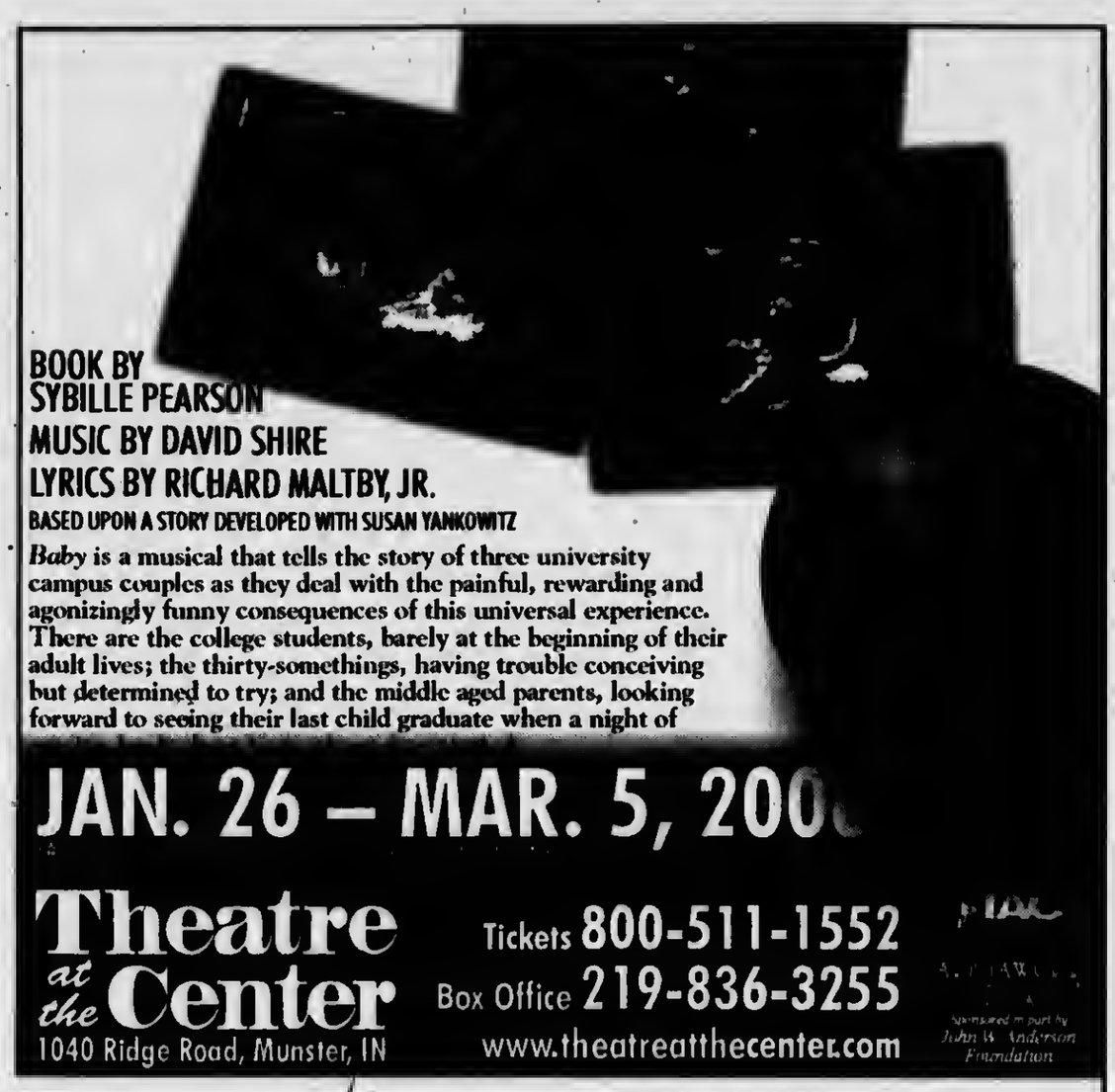
Performances run through February 26 on Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday at 2 and 8pm, Friday at 8:30pm, Saturday at 5:30 and 9pm and Sunday at 2:30 and 7pm. Tickets range $22-$26. Dinner packages are available from $40.75. The box office number is 630-530-0111 and all-major credit cards accepted.



Remy Bumppo's next production is Tartuffe

Remy Bumppo Theatre Company presents the American premier of Ranjit Bolt's modern take on Moliere's irreverent comedy, "Tartuffe," from January 18 through March 5 in the upstairs main stage at Victory Gardens Theater at 2257 N. Lincoln.

Curtain times are Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30pm and Sunday at 2:30pm (except January 22). Tickets are $33-$38.50 and the box office number is 773-871-3000.



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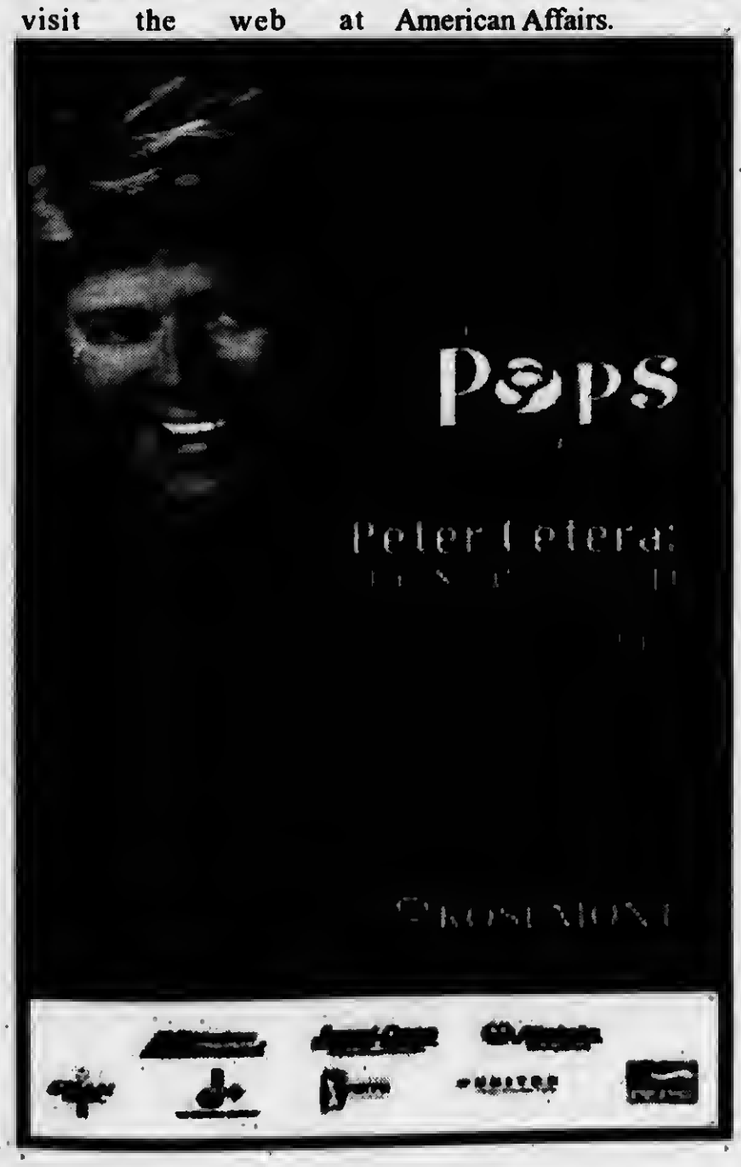
The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats have been honored with the National Association Campus Activities' Performers of the Year Award in seven out of the last eleven years, plus the Campus Activities Today's Performers of the Year Award. Their talents have taken the troupe to over 65 countries on five continents, including prestigious venues as the Kennedy center for the Performing Arts, Germany's Elpse Festival and other areas.

Angela and Danny Chang fuse their expertise, love of their art and life-long discipline to direct and produce the show that has received many Skill and Performance Awards in their native Republic of China's Ministry. They received the Medal for International Faith and Goodwill from China's Coordination Council for North American Affairs.



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Planet Chiropractic in Lemont notice

The Maximized Living Foundation and the Global Pastors Network are teaming up to help inspire residents of greater Chicago area to meet their weight loss, stress management and health goals. Starting January 23, local volunteers, local doctors and national non-profit groups host this Extreme Makeover 40-Day Challenge.

Last summer-fall hundreds of local people lost an average of 81 pounds and reduced their waist size by at least one size. To see people regain their energy, have control of their own life again and reduce stress made a tremendous impact at home with loved ones.

Dr. Buss of Lemont inspired to make a difference in the health of their community and some of the participants were First Church of the Nazarene, Health From Within, Planet Chiropactic and Sunrise Health Foods. Also, Palos Olympic, Timber Creek Farms, Curves, Shape Express, Great Harvest Bread Co. T-USA Martial Arts, Lemont Park District and many other churches, personal trainers and massage therapists all teamed up with the Maximized Living Foundation and the Global Pastors Network throughout the southwest suburbs.

The Extreme Makeover 40-Day Challenge begins January 23 at First Church of the Nazarene in Lemont and concludes February 27. Weekly workshops focus on Nutrition, Exercise, Stress Management and Time Management. Cost is $30. Call 630-257-8700 to register or for more information.

Rain Pryor performs one-woman show

Rain Pryor along with JAM Theatricals and Black Ensemble Touring present the " Fried Chicken and Latkes" premiering Friday, January, 27th at 8 p.m and Saturday, January 28th at 5:00 p.m. and 8 p.m.

It is a show based on her life, using song and characters to show racial identity. She is the daughter of the late African American comedian Richard Pryor and a white Jewish go-go dancer.

The program will be at Centre East at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd. in Skokie.The phone number of the box office is 847-679-9501.

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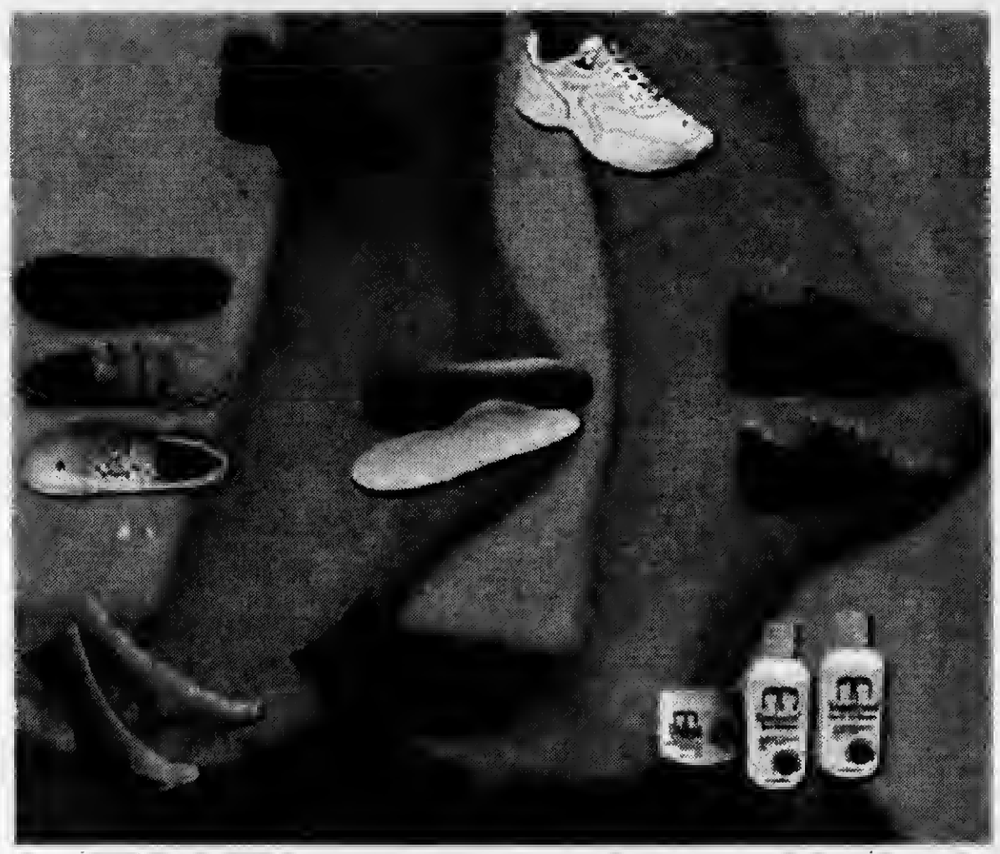

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14th Annual Festivals at Tinley Park Convention Center

The Southland area hosts seventh consecutive statewide special events network convention. Municipal, not-for-profit, park districts, corporate, fraternal, church and school event planners are invited to the 14th Annual Chicago Southland Festivals and Events Workshop on Wednesday and Thursday, February 8 and 9, 2006 at Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S Harlem Avenue. . The regional event kicks off the 8th Annual Illinois Special Events Network Convention (ISEN), which draws festival and event planners from throughout Illinois to the Southland to discuss the state of their industry.

A vendor event features providers of the elements necessary to stage a successful event, including musical acts, pyrotechnic and amusement companies, insurance companies, audio/visual companies, portable restroom companies and much more. An entertainment showcase rounds out the workshop, where attendees enjoy refreshments while entertainers show their crafts.

Registration for the two-day Festivals & Events Workshop and Illinois Special Events Network Convention, is $130 for ISNE/IFEA members and $150 for non-members. Each additional registration from the same organization is $105 and $125. Late registration after 2/2/06 is $50.

For those only wishing to attend Wednesday, Feb. 8 fee is $65 per party and $60 each added from the same organization. To attend the entertainment showcase only, from 2-4pm, fee is $30.

For accommodations call the Holiday Inn Select Tinley Park, at a special Chicago Southland Festivals and Events Workshop rate at 708-444-1100. To receive a Chicago Southland Festivals and Events Workshop registration, call 708-895-8200 or the toll-free number 888-895-9233. For vendors' information call Kim Kislowski at 708-895-8200

Tinley Park Library activities

The following programs are offered at the Tinley Park Public Library which is located at 7851 Timber Drive, Tinley Park, IL.

The National Able Network and the Tinley Park Library will help your interviewing skills to get the job. The workshop is Wednesday, January 25 at 2pm.

Tinley Tourists, for children 8-11 explores the country of Greece on Thursday, January 26 from 7-8:15pm. Play games, taste food and learn about the culture.

Tinley Park Public Library hosts the group "Those Were the Days Radio Players" on Sunday, January 29 at 2pm.

The comic improv group meets on Tuesday, January 31, 7-8:30pm.at the Tinley Park Library.

The Tinley Park Public Library will be hosting an evening of origami for the whole family open to children 8-11, along with their parents, guardians on Thursday, January 19 from 7-8pm. The Tinley Park Public Library will host Kevin Branigan, the 21st Century minstrel, on Sunday, January 22 at 2pm.

For information or to register for any of the above programs, call 708-532-0160 ex 2.

Bingo, Teens and the Tinley Park Library

Do you play Bingo? The Tinley Park Public Library invites teens in grade 6-12 to the monthly Bingo extravaganza. Come try your luck at winning exciting prizes and be eligible to enter your name for the door prize. Each month will have a special theme. The first extravaganza takes place on Tuesday, January 24 from 7-8pm. Register either in person or by phone at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

ABBA Celebration at GSU Theatre

ABBA Celebration brings the music of one of the 70's most loved groups to The Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, January 28 at 8pm. ABBA Celebration features singers and dancers recreating favorite such as "SOS", "Dancing Queen" and "Mamma Mia".

The Center for Performing Arts is located at Governors State University at One University Parkway in University Park. Tickets are $33, $37 and $42. Call the box office at 708-235-2222 to reserve or use centertickets.net.

Instrutional basketball in Tinley

The Tinley Park-ParkDistrict will be hosting an instructional basketball program for 1st and 2nd graders on Saturdays from 11:15 am - 12:15 pm beginning February 11, 2006. This program will be a continuation from the Fall Junior Jammers program, but new participants are always welcome. The program will be held at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, and will run through March 11th. The registration fee is $35 for residents and $52 for non-residents, and includes a Junior Jammers t-shirt.

Tinley Park, Illinois, January 9, 2006 - The Tinley Park-Park District will offer an instructional basketball program for girls and boys age 4 -- 5 at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, beginning February 11th. The program will run every Saturday through March 11th from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Children will learn dribbling and shooting techniques and other basketball fundamentals. Registration fee is $35 for residents and $52 for non-residents, and includes a Little Dunkers t-shirt.

The Tinley Park-Park District will offer a men's adult basketball league on Thursday evenings beginning February 16th at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Game times are 6:30 pm, 7:30 pm or 8:30 pm. Only team registrations will be accepted and must be submitted to the Park District by February 7th. The resident fee of $575 and non-resident fee of $625 includes equipment, gym usage, prize money (1st and 2nd place teams) and t-shirts. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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Orland Park to pay Com-Ed upgrades

by Matt Mayer

The topic of discussion at the Jan 3, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting was a $887,000 expenditure for Commonwealth Edison upgrades for the village's expanding southwest quadrant. Some officials questioned the expenditure citing that in previous years electrical upgrades were paid for either by Com-Ed or the developer. Com Ed officials responded by saying that they are looking toward future growth and that underground cables, which have aesthetic value, are also more expensive to install than overhead cables

The village will pay this expenditure over a two-year period with the cost being obtained from the capitol projects fund. The lines will be installed north to south along Orland Parkway and a vacated portion of 104th Avenue, with the first phase of the project slated for completion by the beginning of June. The village is also researching ways to offset a portion of the expense when future development occurs.

The most recently completed developments are in the I-80 corridor and encompass a St. Xavier University branch campus, Horton Insurance Company and the Smith Crossing Retirement Community. The next meeting is Jan 16.

Orland Park Rec Department to Host Annual Regional Competition

The spicy aroma of simmering chili will fill the air when nearly 70 chili cooks from throughout the United States converge on Orland Park to compete in the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department's annual "Chilly Willie Chili Challenge."

The regional competition will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2006 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. (Ravinia Avenue is one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45.) The public tasting at the competition will be held from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. All-you-can-eat "tasting cups" will be available for chili lovers to purchase for five dollars each.

The International Chili Society (ICS) and the Chili Appreciation Society International (CASI) will hold competitions for red chili and salsa, along with conducting two contests at this year's event. Verde, a green chili, will be judged and a People's Choice Award will be bestowed upon the winner.

"The cook with the most tickets at the end of the event will be declared the People's Choice Award winner," she added. Local cooks are invited to join the competition. Applications are available at the Franklin E. Loebe Recreation Center.

The winner of ICS competition will qualify for the nationals held in Omaha, Nebraska, while the CASI top 10 winners receive points to add to their total which will qualify cooks for their national competition held in Terlingua, Texas.

The afternoon includes music, food and a chili bean guess. "Bring an empty belly to taste all that the challenge has to offer," advised Fisk.

Proceeds from the event benefit the Village of Orland Park's Special Recreation Program.

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Worth clubhouse will receive new TVs

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the purchase of four big screen televisions at the Jan 3rd Worth Board of Trustees meeting. The TVs will be installed in the clubhouse at the Waters Edge Golf Course at 115th and Harlem Avenue for an amount not to exceed $14,900. The money will come from the capital improvement loan of $500,000, which the village obtained last year for golf course improvements. The clubhouse has been repainted, new carpeting has been installed, bar stools have been reupholstered and a new bar area and furniture are also projected.

The board approved a resolution endorsing the South Suburban Mayors Association as the community development block grant CDBG/H.O.M.E. applicant and administrator of all single-family rehabilitation in the Village of Worth. A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Cook County for the unused Steward property at 7360 W 110th St. was also approved. The board also directed the village attorney to prepare an ordinance to include a minimum bid of $170,000 for the property. A contract with Lang Ice for Worth Days was also approved.

The next meeting is Jan 24.

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Photo Caption: (left to right) Mother McAuley President/Principal Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM with Alumna Actress Alex Meneses.

Alumna Alex Meneses establishes McAuley's Scholarship

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School is proud to announce that Alex Meneses, McAuley alumna, presented the school with a $100,000 gift, one of the largest gifts McAuley has received to date. This unrestricted gift will establish the Alex Meneses Scholarship Fund for financial aid. "I had some of the best years of my life here at McAuley," said Meneses. "Going to school with all girls allowed me to concentrate on my classes and my goals in life." "We are very grateful to Alex and her husband for providing this generous gift," said Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM, president/principal of Mother McAuley. "A gift that will help us provide future young women the same benefits Alex received when she was a student at McAuley.Meneses, who maintains residences in both Chicago and California, just finished the play "Hortensia and the Museum of Dreams," at the Victory Gardens Theatre in Chicago. She has also starred in "Everybody Loves Raymond," where she portrayed Stefania, the "gelato girl" that Robert (Brad Garrett) falls in love with. Her performance drew so much fan mail that she was featured in several episodes throughout the season. The role garnered a 2002 ALMA Award nomination as Best Supporting Actress in a Television Series.

Her feature credits include "The Flintstone's Viva Rock Vegas" and "Selena" as well as the independent films "Kissing Miranda" and "Living in Peril." Her television credits include "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman," "Friends," "Dharma & Greg" and "The John Larroquette Show." In her spare time, Meneses enjoys hiking, cooking, rollerblading and traveling home to Chicago. She is originally from the Marquette Park area (Biography information courtesy of Cinema.com).

News from Jane Nelson Palos Township Clerk

The following programs are available to registered voters through the Cook County Clerk's office. If interested in the programs please come to the Palos Township Office at 10802 South Roberts Road, Palos Hills, Ill. pick up applications.

Disabled Voter's Program: This is a five year program for any physically incapacitated person which enables them to automatically receive an application for an alternate ballot for any election the individual is entitled to vote in. The requirements to enroll are:

a. The individual must be a registered voter in Cook County.

b. The individual must fill out an application completely.

c. The individual must have their signature or mark notarized.

d. The individual must have their physician fill out the back of the application.

Upon receipt of their application they are entered into the program for a period of five years. A few months prior to their expiration date, they are sent a new application.

Student Program: This is a two-year program for any student who will be away at school during the time of elections. Through this program the student will automatically receive an application for an absentee ballot for any election the student is entitled to vote in. The requirements to enroll in this program are as follows:

a. The student must be a registered voter in Cook County.

b. The student must fill out the application completely.

c. The student must include their school address, or the address they wish their ballot to be mailed to.

Upon receipt of their application they are entered into the program for a period of two years. A few months prior to their expiration date, they are sent a new application.

For those just outside of Hickory Hills

Children ages 4 to 6 can explore the exciting world of bugs!

Kids will create such crafts as caterpillar clothespins and dine on tasty snacks like Bugs in the Mud. Kids will also enjoy watching "A Bug's Life, and "ANTZ" while learning about different creepy crawlies each week.

This class will be held at Krueger Park Recreational Center, located at 9100 S. 88th Avenue on Mondays from 6:15-7 p.m. beginning on January 16 to February 20. The cost for residents is $34; non-residents, $39.

Clay Creations

Is your budding sculptor looking for a class to hone their skills?

This class for 6-9 year olds will have a different clay creation each week. Clay sculpture, hand building and painting of each item will be a hands-on experience for your child.

The class will be held on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. beginning on January 16 through February 20 at Krueger Park Recreation Center, located at 9100 S. 88th Avenue. The cost for residents is $33; non-residents, $38.

Advertise in our Valentine's Day & Bridal Issue on Feb. 7

Preparing for Babysitting

This class is open to both boys and girls who are 11 years old or older. This two-day class, which will take place on Saturdays February 11 and February 18, will instruct participants about the basics of infant care, babysitting techniques, and step-by-step instruction on emergency situations. Upon completion of both classes, a certificate will be issued. Classes will be held from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Roberts Park Fire Department.

Registration for the classes takes place both at Krueger Park Recreation Center, located at 9100 S. 88th Avenue, and at Cynthia Neal Administration & Recreation Center, located at 8047 W. 91st Place. The cost for residents is $6; non-residents, $7. For more information, please call 708-598-1233.

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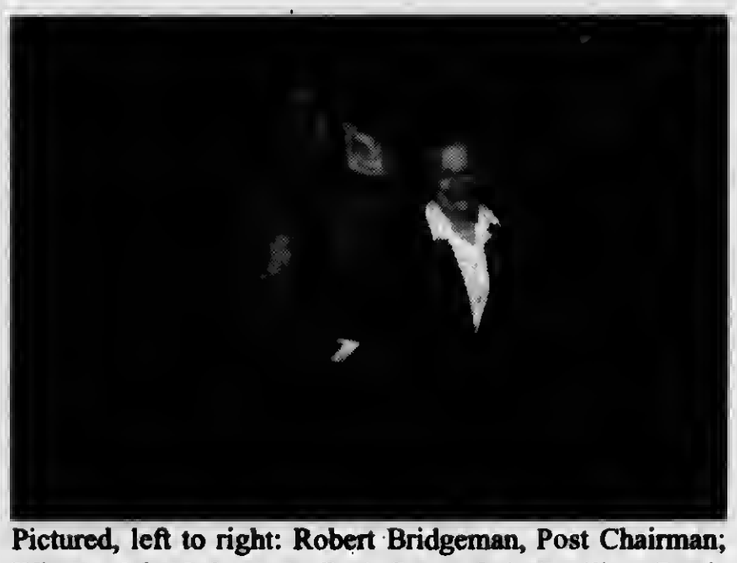

Pictured, left to right: Robert Bridgeman, Post Chairman; Winner, Jake Salomone; Ruth Sorgenfrei, Auxiliary President; Joseph Stachon, Post 5220 Commander.

Salomone Selected as VFW's Voice of Democracy Winner

Jake C. Salomone, a student at the South Side Baptist School in Oak Lawn, was selected as the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220 Voice of Democracy winner for the 2006 year. The theme for the essay contest was, "Celebrating Our Veteran's Service." Salomone earned a $200 U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque for the post. The runner-up, Rachel Miwa, will be awarded a $100 bond.

The VFW 3rd District awards were presented on Janauary 8th at Post 5220, located at 9514 South 52nd Avenue. Salomone was their winning recipient, represented the 3rd District at the state level in Springfield on February 4th.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at St. Albert the Great and the South Side Baptist School participated in the 2006 "Patriots Pen Essay Contest," sponsored by the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post 5220. The theme was "Who are Today's Patriots?" First place recipients from each school earned a $100 U.S. Savings Bond. Five additional participants from each school earned $50 bonds.

Marcella Perez, a student at St. Albert the Great, earned first honors. Five of her fellow students, including John Nowobilski, Nicole Sediacek, Marie Statkus, Michael Heldak and Dennis Nealis, each received the $50 awards.

James McClanahan, a student at the South Side Baptist School, earned first honors. Five of his fellow students, including Fabian Montanez, Eric VanRyn, Amanda O'Connell, Amber Dedic, and Staci Redlich, each received the $50 awards.

Statewide initiative launched for gamblers

Problem gambling can affect any age, gender and economic segment of the population. Key findings of a national survey conducted by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC), 1999 estimate more than 1% of US adult population could be considered as having serious pathological problems in gambling.

The Problem Education & Training (PGET) program is being offered free-of-charge to schools, organizations and community centers interested in hosting an awareness training session. PGET sessions will be made available also to college students, pursuing degrees related to substance abuse counseling or the hospitality industry.

Marie Apke, senior vice-president of Bensinger, DuPont & Associates,(BDA), founder of Illinois Problem Gambling Services, says "problem gambling holds serious consequences for those affected and should be treated as a drug addiction or alcohol abuse."

Each PGET program will be customized.

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1. Why do Seniors Gamble
2. What are the dangers of Senior Gambling
3. The 4 types of Senior Gamblers
4. Signs of Senior gambling
5. Where can Seniors get help

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1. Gambling Myths
2. Why do Teens gamble
3. What are the dangers of Teen Gambling
4. What kind of gambling are Teens doing
5. Signs of Teen Gambling
6. Where can Teens get help

Gambling Awareness Training: Focus on Students

1. What is Pathological Gambling
2. What are the dangers of Gambling
3. Signs of a Problem Gambler
4. Helpline Statistics
5. Description of Helpline Calls
6. Resources for Gamblers

Each 45- minute session is presented by master's level, certified gambling counselors. Handouts are available.

For information or to request a PGET program call 1-800-227-8620 (BDA) or visit the http://ilproblemgambling.com.

U.S. Attorney commends Oak Lawn Police Department

by Matt Mayer

U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald and the Head of the Drug Enforcement Agency-Chicago office, SAC Rick Sanders recognized the Oak Lawn Police Department at the Jan 24, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting for their involvement in Operation Mountain Express 111. This case spanned a period of 1-½ years, which involved the illegal distribution throughout the United States and Canada of pseudoephedrine, which is the main ingredient in methamphetamine, a highly addictive and lethal substance.

Police Officer Pat Barron received a police department medal of valor award. Barron was the first to arrive on the scene of a multiple alarm fire of a multiunit building at 9401 S. Melvina Ave on Jan. 4. Barron observed flames on the third floor and entered the building, along with several other citizens and began pounding on the doors of the first and second floors in an attempt to alert the residents of any occupied units. As the fire department arrived on the scene and the hall filled with smoke, more than a dozen residents were successfully evacuated from the building without injury. One fatality was discovered on the third floor after the fire was extinguished. Barron along with Gene Cunningham, Matt Murphy and Joseph Maniapane, a resident of the building, received citizen recognition awards for their selfless behavior in rescuing occupants from the building.

The board approved an ordinance for the following traffic regulations: permit parking only on Kostner Ave between 95th and 96th Streets; No left turn on school days for eastbound 93rd St. at Southwest Highway and southbound Austin Ave at 95th St; no parking on the north side of 97th St between Mayfield and Mansfield Avenues; speed bumps at 89th Place and Natoma Ave; and one way on 50th Court from 95th to 96th Streets. The board also approved a traffic review board request to remove a barrier in the vicinity of 92nd St and Cicero Avenue.

The board approved an ordinance for a two-lot subdivision at 6746 W. 89th Pl as well as an ordinance approving lot width and lot density variations at 5362 W. 96th St. A Fire Department request to promote one lieutenant and one engineer from the current eligibility list was also approved. The board approved a public works department request to award a contract to the lowest bidder, Midwest Industrial Lighting, Inc for $12,910.68 for the 2006 supply of light bulbs and fixtures for the street division. A recommendation to approve a $10,000 grant to be awarded to the Oak Lawn police department through the Cook County BADGE grant program for summer bike patrol was also approved. The next meeting is Feb 14.

Evergreen Park approves appropriation ordinance

by Matt Mayer

At the Jan.17 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, Mayor James Sexton presented awards to the winners of the village's First Annual Business Christmas Decorating Contest. First place went to Pizza Man Pizza at 95th and Harding Ave; second place was Rosangela's Pizza at 95th and California Ave, and third place was Florida Plastics at 98th St and Kedzie Ave.

Sexton said that Water Department Director Mike Knieps reported that the village saved an estimated $120,000 by performing a water distribution survey for $9,000. The survey revealed 23 water main leaks, three of which were major leaks. The savings is a result of purchased water over a year's time.

The board approved an appropriation ordinance for fiscal year Nov. 1, 2005 to Oct. 31, 2006; the total general fund is $22,743,578. The total sewer and water fund is $4,275,857 resulting in a total appropriation of $27,019,435.

A water increase of 5 percent was approved as well as a sewer rate increase of 10 cents per $1,000 for sewer services

An amendment to the village liquor ordinance was approved requiring businesses to stop serving alcohol at 3 a.m., with the business being cleared by 3:20 a.m. A landscaping contract was awarded to Bella Landscaping for $53,375 with the option to raise the fee to $99,575 for landscaping services on 95th St.

A request from fire department chief Edward Clohessy to purchase a Chevrolet Impala for $18,866 to replace the 2000 year vehicle, which will be transferred to the Health Department, was also approved.

The villages Third Annual Family Flake Fest will take place at Yukich Field on Feb. 10, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Feb. 11, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Search for Chicago's fairest Colleen

James Sullivan, General Chairman of the 2006 St. Patrick Day parade announced plans for a citywide search for "Chicago's fairest Colleen." She will represent the Chicago Irish community, as the Queen of the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade held on March 11, 2006 in the loop.

Any girl of Irish ancestry, never married, 17-28 years old, is eligible to enter the contest.

Send a snapshot with particulars and a brief biography why you'd like to be queen to Queen Contest, 1400 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago IL. 60607. Deadline is February 10. Call Diane Taghon at 312-263-6612 or 312-421-1010 for additional information.

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Australian Dentist writes

To Kill an American You probably missed it in the rush of news last week, but there was actually a report that someone in Pakistan had published in a newspaper an offer of a reward to anyone who killed an American, any American. So an Australian dentist there wrote an editorial the following day to let everyone know what an American is. So they would know when they found one. (Good one, mate!!!!) "An American is English, or French, or Italian, Irish, German, Spanish, Polish, Russian or Greek. An American may also be Canadian, Mexican, African, Indian, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Australian, Iranian, Asian, or Arab, or Pakistani or Afghan. An American may also be a Comanche, Cherokee, Osage, Blackfoot, Navaho, Apache, Seminole or one of the many other tribes known as Native Americans. An American is Christian, or he could be Jewish, or Buddhist, or Muslim.

In fact, there are more Muslims in America than in Afghanistan. The only difference is that in America they are free to worship as each of them chooses. An American is also free to believe in no religion. For that he will answer only to God, not to the government, or to armed thugs claiming to speak for the government and for God. An American lives in the most prosperous land in the history of the world.

The root of that prosperity can be found in the Declaration of Independence, which recognizes the God given right of each person to the pursuit of happiness. An American is generous. Americans have helped out just about every other nation in the world in their time of need, never asking a thing in return. When Afghanistan was overrun by the Soviet army 20 years ago, Americans came with arms and supplies to enable the people to win back their country! As of the morning of September 11, Americans had given more than any other nation to the poor in Afghanistan. Americans welcome the best of everything...the best products, the best books, the best music, the best food, the best services. But they also welcome the least. The national symbol of America, the Statue of Liberty, welcomes your tired and your poor, the wretched refuse of your teeming shores, the homeless, tempest tossed. These in fact are the people who built America. Some of them were working in the Twin Towers the morning of September 11, 2001 earning a better life for their families. It's been told that the World Trade Center victims were from at least 30 different countries, cultures, and first languages, including those that aided and abetted the terrorists.

So you can try to kill an American if you must. Hitler did. So did General Tojo, and Stalin, and Mao Tse-tung, and other blood thirsty tyrants in the world. But, in doing so you would just be killing yourself. Because Americans are not a particular people from a particular place, they are the embodiment of the human spirit of freedom. Everyone who holds to that spirit, everywhere, is an American.

(Taken from email.) False rumor passed along on email but actually written by a professor of law at George Mason University back in 2001. See web site www.snopes.com/rumors/america2.htm

Publisher'sPen

Editorial Note: For those who wish they could be an American, it is easy, just learn to read English, study the questions for citizenship, pick up an application for citizenship at the courthouse and you too can be just like Ozzie Guillen, a citizen of the United States. My Grandfather came over from Italy in 1904, and became a United States Citizen that same year. My Grandmother was born in this country on Manhattan Island in New York City and couldn't read or write. Thank God for America, because opportunity knocks for those who seek it.

Surely for those who know me, know that I always have a motive for my brash writing style. This particular time I am writing about some of my Northern Irish friends who want to stay in this country, little own have citizenship.

Several people from Northern Ireland in the past 16 years have entered into my life, approximately 17. The latest person I have met is a young woman who is a Dean of Students at St. Francis deSales High School at 10155 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago, IL 60617.

Mary Reid is her name, and she is the most delightful person I have met in many years, from Belfast. She introduced herself to me while she was purchasing an ad. She said she is helping Mr. Burke, the owner of Taxhelpers.

Within our many topics of conversation the day before New Years, one of her topics was about the problems that exists in Belfast and how she had lost her father in the troubles. Mary's mother raised five children alone in Belfast and Mary stated that all five went to college and are doing quite well. Even Mary's mother got out of the neighborhood.

But what was so important to me is that she had received her first experience of America as a child through the Irish Children Organization that brought children, both Catholic and Protestant, here to experience our way of life. It was then, that she knew, she wanted to be an American. She felt safe, secure and free in an Irish American home.

Mary's education came from Ireland, but her ambitions and drive came from her mother. The struggles that Mary had faced in Belfast, helped her to endure any struggles she may face and also prepared her for a future life in America.

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Local restaurant will suit your needs

by Anita Anderson

Familiarity is a positive thing when it comes to the ability to find a restaurant with convenient hours, plus an ideal location when you want a "meal away from home." Karson's has been in Evergreen Park for almost half a century.

Karson's Restaurant and Pancake eatery at 3422 W. 95th St., in Evergreen Park offers great homemade-type food at reasonable prices. Managed and owned by Georgene and Nikos Karson's has food for just about every taste and budget.

The restaurant has been an institution in Evergreen Park for diners who can depend on them for breakfast, lunch or tasty dinners. Their menu is imaginative and includes specials daily. Not to be missed is the turkey dinners with "real" turkey.

Sandwiches with all of the trimmings are featured plus, if you have room check out the dessert menu. Lemon meringue pie like mom made is special.

Like any business, service is all important. Good wait staff who are informed about the daily menus are glad to assist. Then, there are the doggy bags which are a must because with the portions coming out from the kitchen you'll never be able to finish everything and it's nice to have a snack for later in the day.

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Left to right: Katie O'Neil, Pete Reiling, Lisa Miron, Maggie Lekan and Joe LaPorte

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for February 7th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You can't escape the need that has been bugging you lately, and this is for "recognition" and "appreciation." D helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: One good thing this week is that you have an opportunity to be introduced to a new love or a new job. Good! R and T help.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is not the best time to be spending money. You need "quality, not quantity," so make this clearly understood.

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The Jacki Mari Show is on Internet radio/Voice America Wed at 7PM CST. Call in…1-888-335-5204 with your questions or to share your "unusual" experiences. On the 8th we're talking about "Compatibility's" and this upcoming Valentine's Day. Are you friends and lovers, or sparring partners? Find out…just call in to me during the show and I'll tell you.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

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GOOD-BYE MY GOLDEN GIRL

She lets me know it's time by the pleading look in those big brown, innocent eyes. I'm not quite ready to face this but her gentle coaxing leaves me no other choice.

Today I walked into the Vet's office and left with only her collar and leash.

A few months ago we noticed that Holly was getting skinny. One look at her chubby canine companion, Hannah, and we naturally assumed that Hannah's heavier frame was the direct result of her getting more than her fair share of the dog food.

The continual loss of weight and the added concern of a newly acquired cough is what caused us to bring Holly to the Vet for a checkup. It didn't take too long for x-rays to reveal a devastating diagnosis.

Our beloved pet had advanced lung cancer. We had options but none were especially encouraging. We could seek out a specialist in the field of doggy oncology but the cost of treatment and the rigorous side effects of chemo therapy would be the same for Holly as for a human.

We could take the chance and hope for the best. There were no guarantees and even the look in the doctor's eyes didn't leave much hope for a promise of beating the odds. We turned to our furry friend, our faithful companion over ten years, and we knew in our hearts what we had to do.

We took Holly home and made it out mission to make her last days as comfortable as possible.

I cooked her chicken with rice and told myself that as long as she still wagged her tail with an eagerness to eat then things would be okay.

It didn't take long to see that the end was near. When food lost its appeal and laps of water provoked fits of coughing and choking I knew it would be cruel to continue to postpone the inevitable.

She places her head on my knee and gazes up as if to say she's just too tired to go on. Even though she is so weak and frail, a pat on the head still renders her tail wagging.

I wrap my arms around her neck of soft golden fluff and wonder how I'll ever be able to say good-bye. How do you say good-bye to a devoted and loyal pet whose only joy in life was to lap up the love and attention her humans gave her?

When you bring home a bouncing, playful puppy, full of energy and wonder, the excitement leaves little room of thinking of a time when illness could put you in a position of putting your pet to sleep.

Somewhere down the line you face that fact. And at a time when living in their doggy years takes its toll, you accept that you just may find yourself standing in the Vet's office, hugging your fur kin for dear life as their earthly journey comes to an end.

Now she's free from the pain that claimed her last days, soaking up the warmth of sunshine's bright rays. A more kind, gentle and caring companion I have never known,

I'm at peace knowing you're frolicking in the open fields of your heavenly home.

Good-bye my sweet golden girl - you were the best.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. (Author unknown.)

OCS volunteers honored

Eighty volunteers of the Office of Senior Citizen Services were honored at a recent luncheon. Seventeen volunteers received various awards for 14,780 service cumulative hours. Volunteers not receiving awards logged an additional 6,479 hours.

Receiving pins for 250 hours service were: Pat Brenner, Shirley Klein, Lydia Sadlon, Eleanor Vilkas (Chorus), Loretta Pavlik, Mary Ann Septoski (OCS Office), and Harry O'Sullivan (Tax).

Receiving one Emerald (500 hours) were Mary Costin, Loraine Prudden, Bill Watson (Parkette), Roy Kopeikin (Chorus & Senior Council) and Dorothy Wakefield (Chorus). Eileen Barry (Parkette) received a Two Emeralds award (750 hours).

For 1000 hours (3 Emeralds) Lauretta Krug (Crafts) and Al Mc Elroy (Tax):for 1500 hours (5-Emeralds) Toy Young (Crafts) Mary Kay Weisner and Helen Zellmann (OCS Office) and for 1750 hours (8 Emeralds) Marcella Moore and for 2250 hours (9 Emeralds) Elaine McElroy, both OCS Office were duly honored.

Marianne Brashinger was honored with over 17 years of service in volunteerism at OCS, St. Bernadette Church and Little Company of Mary Hospital. She was inducted into the Evergreen Park Hall of Fame in our Centennial celebration in 1993.

Medicare changes Burbank Park District

A seminar will tell you what you need to know. It will explain the changes in Medicare and the addition of a Part D that provides assistance for seniors with their prescription drug medication. It will help seniors pick the right plan for their medication and budget needs. It is FREE on Thursday, February 9 from 12:00-1pm at the Newcastle Park and Recreation Center

The Center is located 8050 South Newcastle Ave. Burbank. A phone registration is required. Call 708-599-2070 to partake.

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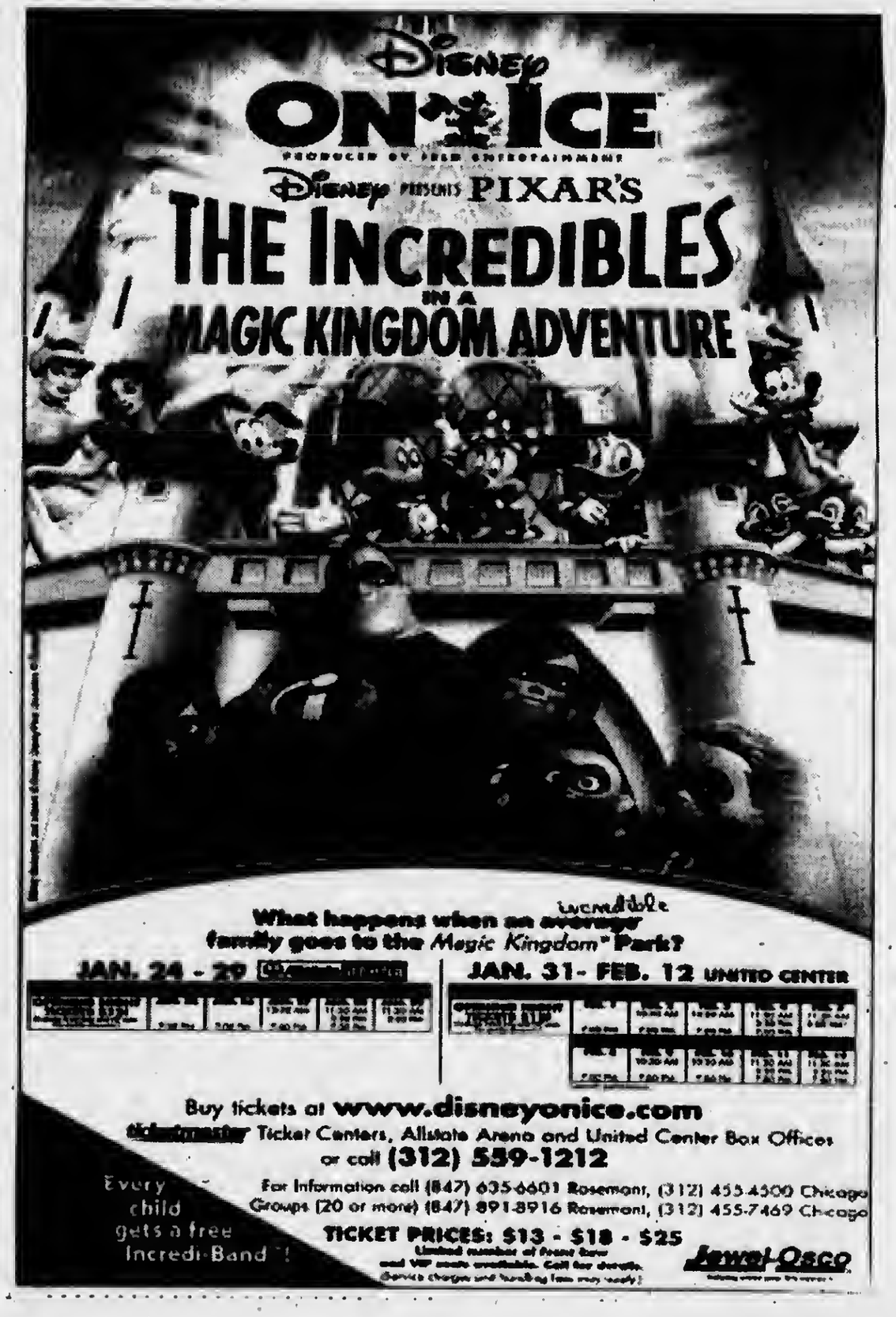

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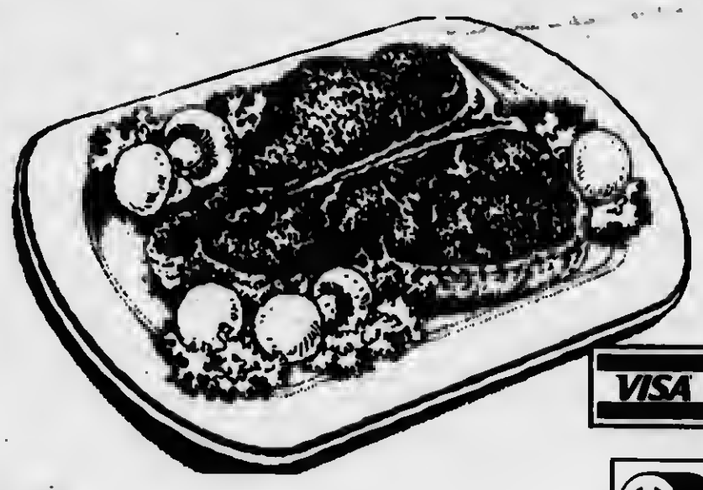

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Planning for the perfect ceremony

Written by Valerie Tillery
Nostalgic Paper Memories San Angelo, Texas

What to do and in what order to do it in is a common question that couples have—an agenda is needed. An "Agenda" can be defined as the written or spoken rules for social control. Ever wonder where we got our etiquette training when it came to social events and planning the order of things? Following the example of our family members, cultural upbringing, other families, and traditions, we find ourselves repeating what was see or taught.

Ceremonial procedure has been around since day one. Formality of the greeting to the bid of farewell draws us to wonder if our knowledge evolved from some ancient tribal ceremony? Only you can best answer this question.

New rituals and customs seen to pop up every year as well as long lost practices or newly invented ones. The church dictates some. Remind yourself of things that other event coordinators included in events that you attended.

Ceremonial agendas may include scripture readings, prose pieces and poetry, and special candle lighting. You must decide on audience participation, involvement of your wedding party, children and family members. Set the tone of your event at the beginning. For inspirational, consider having the bells ring three times before the greeting is provided. Lighting a special candle for a deceased loved one will provide a special presence. If appropriate, have

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Something old,

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Dear Brides to Be:

Before you get married it may be out with the old as a way of true happiness clutter is usually something that stands in the way between having harmony with new husband. Just having too much unnecessary and unneeded stuff.

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Bridal Check List

Written by Tracy Orr

You've just gotten engaged and you're overwhelmed. The first thing you need to do is get a good sense of the type of wedding you and your future spouse wants. The following questions serve as a guideline for discussion. In addition to answering the questions, it?s important to decide on the importance of each issue. This will help with the compromising that is sure to come later!

1. Do you want the traditional wedding/reception, or something different such as private ceremony and larger reception, or destination wedding and party afterwards?
2. Do you want the reception to be: indoor, outdoor, indoor/outdoor? If you want outdoor only, how will rain and bathrooms be handled?
3. Do you want an afternoon or evening wedding? Formal or informal?
4. Do you want traditional reception (i.e. receiving line, toasts, first dance, garter and bouquet throwing etc.) or just a party?
5. Do you want a wedding party or just one person to stand up with you? What is the maximum size of the party? Does the number of bridesmaids have to equal the number of groomsmen?
6. Do you have a maximum number of guests you will accept?
7. Do you want dancing?
8. Do you want live music or a dj?
9. Do you want sit down dinner, buffet dinner, or just standing reception?
10. Do you want everyone in one room during the meal or can they be seated in several rooms?
11. Do you want kids at the wedding? How do you envision their participation ? hanging out with their parents or separate entertainment provided for them?
12. What kind of setting do you want: mansion, gardens, hotel, on the water?
13. Who do you want to perform the ceremony?
14. Where to you want the ceremony, church or reception site?
15. How far from the reception to the wedding site will you accept?
16. If you live in a large city, how far from the city will you accept as the site?
17. What is the maximum you want to pay for the site rental?
18. What is the maximum you want to pay for the wedding?

Checklist: What is your Degree of Formality?

If you're still undecided, there's a quick quiz to help you sort through your choices.

1. HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON YOUR WEDDING?
A. $8,000 or less
B. $9,000-$14,000
C. $15,000-$23,000
D. $24,000 plus

2. YOUR WEDDING WILL BE PAID FOR BY:
A. You and your fiance'
B. Your parents
C. His parents
D. All of the above

3. YOUR FIRST CHOICE FOR A CEREMONY AND RECEPTION LOCATION WOULD BE:
A. Beach, park, garden, or an exotic locale like ski slopes or tropical destination
B. A private home, garden, restaurant, banquet hall, historical building
C. Hotel, banquet hall, private club, museum
D. House of worship, ballroom

4. YOU PLAN TO INVITE:
A. Family and a few close intimate friends.
B. Your large extended families and lots and lots of friends.
C. In addition to the above, there are many additional acquaintances you wish to invite, perhaps a few business associates.
D. Everyone you, your fiance', and your respective families ever met- you have quite large social obligations.

5. YOU ARE:
A. Shy and retiring
B. Neither shy nor outgoing
C. While not quite a party animal- you do love a good time
D. Very comfortable in large crowds

6. IN GENERAL, YOU FEEL THAT A WEDDING:
A. Should be a small, intimate affair with lots of personal meaning.
B. Should be incredibly romantic and personalized affair.
C. Should be a lavish celebration to celebrate your love for each other.
D. Is your shining moment to fulfill every fantasy you've ever dreamed.

QUIZ ANSWERS

If you answered mostly A's, you will most likely be comfortable with an informal.wedding. Mostly B's suggest that a semi-formal celebration will be most in keeping with your personal tastes. If C was the answer you came up with the most often, then you should at least consider a formal wedding, and if you answered mostly D's, then you very likely will need a very formal wedding in order to be satisfied.

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25 years or more be recognized or go to the altar to circle the bride and groom during a special poetry reading

For practical matters, consider the following order of service, and add your own creativity.

1. Bells chime three times
2. Greetings and welcome by the pastor
3. Blessings by the bride's parents
4. Special candle lighting(s)
5. Scripture reading and prayer
6. Music
7. Homily or the pastor's message
8. Exchange of Vows and
10.Special music selection
11.Signing of marriage cetificate and license
12.Benediction
13.Presentation of the couple
14.Bells chime three times or trumpet plays

After the ceremony, keep the flow continuous with ceremonial rituals and customs. Provide your guests with

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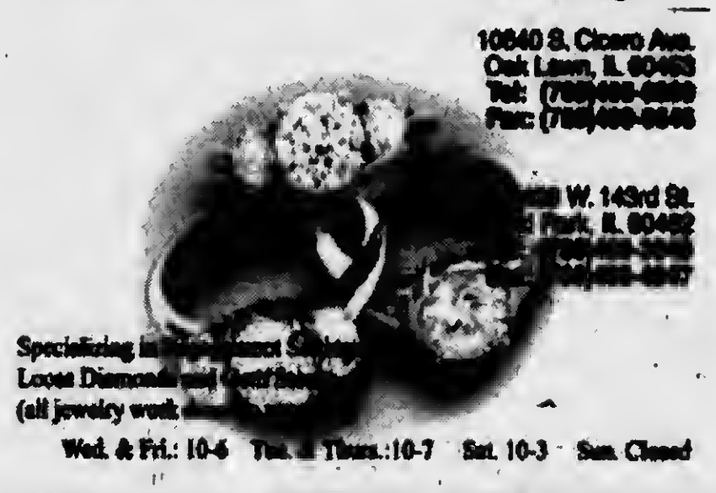
All our love is sent to our familly this Valentine'sDay! Mike and Linda DuPuy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Letter to the Editor

I extend my congratulations and best wishes for a HAPPY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK (January 29 to February 4, 2006) to St. Gerald's School in Oak Lawn. St. Gerald's School has been servicing the community for over 70 years.

I have been a parish member since 1951 and our son graduated from the school in 1977. For the last five years I have volunteered once a week in the lunchroom. I can attest to the quality of the education both academic and religious presented as well as to the capability of the principal, faculty and staff. Our priests guide us with loving care. This is my TOP TEN LIST for St. Gerald's School:

10. Basic as well as advanced academic and life skills are taught.

9. Goals are set and opportunities to attain them are made.

8. Respect and responsibility is maintained.

7. A positive attitude along with faith, hope and charity are their attributes.

6. Communication skills both verbal and nonverbal used effectively.

5. Perseverance, tolerance, dedication and kindness displayed by all.

4. Religious education provided by loving and caring priests as well as teachers.

3. Principal, faculty and staff execute their duties in a professional as well as nurturing manner.

2. Eager students, parent and community members support the ideals of St. Gerald.

1. St. Gerald is just "a great place to be."

Kudos to all! God Bless! Thank you! Marlene

OLCHS goes to Springfield

Oak Lawn Community High School, in Oak Lawn is among nearly 120 schools statewide that will participate in the 15th annual TECH 2006 Students for the Information Age event on Thursday, February 16, 2006, at the Illinois State Capitol Building in Springfield.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., students will show the public, including elected members of the Illinois State Senate and the House of Representatives, how technology is being used in the classroom to improve achievement. Computer workstations will be set up in the Capitol Building Rotunda so students can show how technology has helped them with their schoolwork.

Representing OLCHS in the demonstrations are Michael J. O'Sullivan, Senior, Michael Palhegyi, Junior, Christopher Taraba, Sophomore and Mr. Jeff Krohn, Media Specialist.

We will be demonstrating "M.I.T.H.: Music in the Hallways", a collection of student-produced verbal and musical segments created in the school's on-campus audio studio. The purpose of TECH 2006 is to show how Illinois is preparing students to succeed in the Information Age. Students will demonstrate for lawmakers and the public the creative ways technology is being used to enhance and accelerate student achievement in Illinois schools today.

The importance of this event lies in making the public aware of the central role technology has come to play in our schools and generating support for its adequate funding. Entering the job force without a strong foundation in information-age technology is not an option for today's high school and college graduates. Understanding computers and related tools is a requirement, even for entry-level jobs, and computer literacy is essential for further education and advancement in almost every academic sphere.

At the elementary and high school level, technology expands the walls of the traditional classroom, bringing in people and events from all over the globe. Technology captures and holds the attention of this generation of learners far better than textbooks alone. And computers allow for more individualized instruction, as teachers, using technology, move from the traditional "sage on the stage" role to becoming "guides on the side," providing students the tools they need to become more active in managing their own learning.

TECH 2006 is a not-for-profit initiative, supported by a broad range of education and business organizations. Corporate sponsors are: Apple Computers, CDW-G, Cisco Systems, Comcast, DellGraphtech,Learning.Com, MacWorkshops.Com, River deep, and Thomson Galc. Without the understanding and support of the public and the legislature, adequate public funding for education technology is hard to come by, and without it, Illinois cannot remain competitive in the global economy.

Oak Lawn Community High School is pleased to support and be a part of Tech 2006: Students for the Information Age.

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special favors or remembrances cards. Have a balloon release set up as guests file out of the church or ceremony location.

Display items can be used not only for the reception, but also the wedding ceremony. Guests can be required to sign the guest book, view pre-engagement photo displays, and a shadowbox display filled with wedding memorabilia. These items can easily be transferred to the reception.

Consider organizing an agenda for the reception as well. The usual agenda involves the cake cutting and bouquet and garter toss. Build on these traditions and incorporate more reception activities.

Consider the following list:

1. Introduction of the wedding party, parents and newlyweds
2. First dance and wed ding party dance
3. The Polish custom of the?dollar dance?
4. Receiving line
5. Chiming of the glasses as an announcement for a toast
6. Roasting the bride and groom
7. Children?s dance, then teens
8. The ?singles dance?
9. Cake Cutting
10. Recognition of those married 50 or more years, then 25, 20, 15, 10, 5 and 2 hours
11. The community dance?bride and groom adds on all guests to the line
12. Bouquet and garter toss

Whatever tribal customs you claim, remember that having an agenda will enhance your celebration and preserve your memories for a lifetime.

Navy Pier in February

Special events at the Pier in February include 1G1 Chicago Style Gymnastics Meet on February 10-12 in Festival Hall. Chicago Chill and Grill is February 11-12 at the Skyline Stage. CPR Training Day 2006 is February 18 in Festival Hall B. Scout Days at Navy Pier are February 18-24 in the Family Pavilion.

The Navy Pier IMAX Experience shows Robots and the Walt Disney Pictures Roving Mars. Currently at Chicago Shakespeare Theater is "Much Ado About Nothing" through February 26 and "Short Shakespeare! Macbeth" through April 22.

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No more chads

by Marijo Doody

Cook County Clerk, David Orr, is launching a new voting system in this coming March Primary. Touch screen computers are coming to a polling place near you. Unfortunately there will only be one in each precinct. In voting venues where more than one precinct is present there will be more touch screens.

At a recent judge training session, 20% had no computer training. The session began with a power point presentation that could not be read since the screen was too small. They had to get the computer tech to update the equipment.

Cook County received a $24 million grant from the federal government to implement a voting system that is handicapped accessible. Orr explained that they could buy 2000 screens for 1400 polling places in Cook County, so that means their could be long lines at the polls and irate voters.

There will not be any more punch card ballots with the hanging chads. Most voters will use a paper ballot with marking an "x" or their mark next to their choices. The voter will feed the ballot into the optical scanner. The voter's ballot will have a cover so that no one can see the choice. If a mistake is made or you want to change the paper ballot mark, the voter needs to get a new one and remark. No doubt some will not like the paper ballot.

Orr notes that with the new system both judges and voters can get confused. Reportedly, seniors loved the touch screen. No doubt because the print was a lot bigger. This was true at the judge training session. At the end of the screen vote, a summary screen showed all the votes you cast and what you failed to vote in so one could mark it correctly i.e. go back on the touch screen and remark it.

The touch screen machine comes with a verification system that included a paper print out. The voter can look at it to ascertain it reflects the result, but not handle it. The print out is placed in a sealed container.

Reportedly, the touch screen system has been used in other states. In Nevada, they were placed in shopping malls months before the election and people could vote whenever they wanted to instead of waiting for Election Day. This will be done in Cook County also so that certain polling places will be earmarked for early election. The reason is they will hope to increase voter turnout and to make it more convenient to vote in an 18-day period. For the March 21 election, early voting will start on February 27 and run through March 16. Voting hours are 9am to 5pm daily and 9am to noon on weekends.

Because this is the first election to test the new law, it is not known how many voters will take advantage of the early voting program. Other states with similar early voting, have experienced substantial turnouts and reportedly 33% more voters were casting early ballots.

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Elliott to address Oak Lawn Kiwanis

John Elliott, Education Manager supervising the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Nature Center Operations and Educational Programming, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis. Elliott will speak on Thursday, February 9th, following a 6:30 p.m. dinner in the Old Barn Restaurant, located at 8100 Parkside Avenue in Burbank.

Elliott, an avid outdoorsman and photographer, will discuss his goal to keep alive the legacy of the Forest Preserve District, preserving and protecting our natural lands and their benefits to the citizens of Cook County.

Mr. Elliott has worked for the Cook County Forest Preserve District since 1976, beginning with his work at the Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland. Elliott is a graduate of University of Missouri and holds a master's degree in Wildland Resource Science from the University of California

Terrence J. O'Brien to address A.A.R.P#3558

Commissioner Terrence J.O'Brien, President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago, will speak before the A.A.R.P. #3558 group on Monday, February 13th, at 1:30 p.m. The speech, which will take place at the Johnson-Phelps V.F.W. Hall at 9514 S. 52nd Avenue in Oak Lawn, will cover O'Brien's expertise on the workings of the MWRD.

President O'Brien is a graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette and earned his B.A. from John Carroll University in Ohio.

He is currently serving as Chairman of the Judiciary and Real Estate Development Committees and Vice Chairman of the Federal Legislation and Municipalities Committees.

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Free tickets are available for children three and up and are available at the Youth Services Desk and the event is open to families. The Oak Lawn Public Library is 5300 W. 95th St. Call 708-422-4990 for added information or visit the library web site at www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

News from the Oak Lawn Hilton

There will be a Hotel and Employee Garage Sale in the Hotel Ballroom on Sunday, February 12, 2006. The sale at the Oak Lawn Hilton starts at 9am to 4pm. Some of the items to be sold are chairs, occasional tables, floral, Gift Shoppe items, toys, a popcorn machine, electronics, household items and much more. Admission is $2. Early bird admission at 8:30am is $10. Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 8am to 1:45pm.

Also there will be an Antique and Collectible Show on February 12 from 9am to 4pm. Items featured are Antique furniture, dolls, glass, linens, china, books, jewelry and more. Collectibles include Disney, Barbie, Hallmark, Beanie Babies, Enesco and more. There are over 50 dealers. Admission is $2. Children 10 and under are free. Whitney's Restaurant offers a breakfast buffet from 8am to 1:45pm. For information on the above two events call 708-229-8850.

The Oak Lawn Hilton will host "The Girls Great Escape Event" on February 25-26, 2006. Package price range from $200 per person inclusive for double occupancy. Included are overnight stay, boutique shopping, goody bag, wine tasting, yoga, water aerobics, choice of spa treatment, luncheon and fashion show, dinner with entertainment and much more. For reservations call Karen at 708-229-8916.

Sanborn Grammy Winner at GSU

In time for Valentine Day, six time Grammy Award winner David Sanborn returns to The Center for Performing Arts at Governors' State University on Saturday, February 22 at 8pm. David Sanborn has been called the most influential jazz saxophonist among pop, R & B and crossover player of the past 20 years and is known for his passionate sound and emotional interpretation of melodies.

David Sanborn was born in Tampa, Fl. And was encouraged to take up the instrument to help battle effects of polio. He has played with the great: Stevie Wonder, David Bowie and Gil Evans. He began recording in 1975.

Dinner packages are available at Flavor Restaurant, 3315 Vollmer Rd., Flossmore. Call 708-798-3220.

Show tickets are $48/$53/$57. Space permitting, half price tickets are available at the box office from 6-7pm on the day of the performance. The Center box office number is 708-235-2222. The center for Performing Arts at Governors State University is located at One University Parkway in University Park.

There is free parking.

Happy Valentine to our Aaron and Brianna Love, Oma, Papa & Nana XXX

Donnie Brasco's undercover comes to Chicago

"The Way of the Wiseguy" a new play about FBI agent Donnie Brasco's undercover world in the world of the mob makes its world premiere at the Chicago Center for the Performing Arts, 777 N. Green St. and Chicago Avenue. Call the box office to reserve tickets at 312-733-6000. The play runs Wednesday-Sunday.

"The Way of the Wiseguy" is a hilarious portrait of the world of the mafia. Leo Rossi stars as Donnie the undercover agent. Rossi is a veteran of more than 60 films and TV movies and series including "The River's Edge", "In Cold Blood", "ER" and "Falcone." He has won numerous awards.

March trips offered by the Oak Lawn Park District

A Day in Springfield, IL - Journey with the Oak Lawn Park District to the Illinois State Capitol, Springfield, on Thursday, March 16. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Museum. After a brief lunch stop, we head to Lincoln's home, the Illinois State Capitol, Lincoln's Tomb as well as the Illinois Vietnam and Korean War Memorials. The Travel Services Motorcoach will depart the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave., at 6:30am returning at 8:30pm. Fee for this trip is $70 for Oak Lawn residents and $75 for non-residents. Please bring additional money for lunch and dinner. Registration deadline is March 3. For more information, please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

Tunica Mississippi & A Day In Memphis – Join the Oak Lawn Park District as we travel to Tunica, Mississippi for our first 4-day trip (March 28 – 31). Our trip will begin on Tuesday, March 28 when we depart the Oak View Center at 6:30 am aboard a Travel Services Motorcoach. Lunch along the way, will be at the famous Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, Missouri. We will arrive at the Resorts Casino in Tunica, Mississippi at 6:30pm.

On Wednesday, March 29 we will enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we depart for our day excursion in Memphis. During this excursion we will see the Smithsonian Rock and Soul Museum, have lunch at Elvis Presley's Memphis Restaurant, go on a site-seeing cruise on the Mississippi and visit Graceland.

On Thursday, March 30 we will visit the Casino Factory Outlet Shoppes.

We will depart Tunica on Friday, March 31 at 9:30am and arrive back at the Oak Lawn Park District at 8pm.

Fee for this trip is $385 per person based on double occupancy or $485 based on single occupancy. Fee includes transportation, 3 nights accommodation at the Resorts Casino, breakfast and dinner each day, lunch at Lambert's Cafe, day trip to Memphis and lunch at the Chrome Grill at Graceland. Registration deadline is March 3. For more information call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

Black Creativity Museum Science & Industry

Join the Black Creativity Program celebration highlighting the achievements of African Americans and encourage deeper interest in black culture and heritage. This year, explore historic contributions made in the architectural environment. See the innovative ideas from current and future architects.

Museum-goers will discover their architectural ability as they try their hand at interactivity like designing a family home, a building archway or learn about African Americans through a timeline of pioneers and key buildings.

The celebration includes an educational programming, a juried art exhibition, performances, a symposium and a career bowl for Chicago-area students. The exhibit is included in the general admission. Please note: Museum General Admission has increased as follows: with adults $11, seniors $9.50 and children 3-11 $7. Chicago residents receive a discount

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Terrence J. O'Brien

Terrence J. O'Brien will be honored

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, who is President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, will be honored on Wednesday, February. 15. The event will take place at Maggiano's Restaurant, 111 W. Grand Avenue from 5 to 7 p.m.

President O'Brien was first elected to the District in 1988. His integrity, coupled with his innate ability as an effective leader led his fellow commissioners to elect him President of the Board of Commissioner in 1997, 1999, 2001 and again in 2003.

O'Brien graduated from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois and earned his Bachelor of Science Degree at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Joffrey continues its 50th Anniversary with John Cranko's spellbinding full-length ballet, "Romeo and Juliet" with nine performances from February 15-26, 2006 at the Auditorium Theater of Roosevelt University on Congress Parkway.

The production was premiered in Stuttgart in 1962 and is based on the tale we all know. The pageantry is breathtaking choreography. For information on Joffrey Ballet visit the web at www.joffrey.com.

Tickets are $15-$125 and are on sale at the box office at 50 E. Congress and at Ticketmaster Centers and at Broadway in Chicago locations on West Randolph Street. Rush tickets are available to college students with current ID an hour before performance.

Moliere's Tartuffe is zesty

by Marijo Doody

In this century not much has changed since Moliere's time (17th Century). Good comedy is always timely. The British writer, Ranjit Bolt translated from the French "Tartuffe" with American overtones It is now on stage at Remy Bumppo Theatre (RBT) and is lip, sassy, multilingual, street-wise and contemporary.

Bolt's presentation was created for the London stage in 2002 and director James Bohen has molded it with zest in Moliere's satirical comedy in rhymes and bantering. This production is set in the Washington DC area. Orgon's (played by Patrick Clear) house is in disruption because of a southern, hanger-on who sweet-talks his way into the situation. The southern man is Tartuffe.

Orgon's mother, Margaret Kustermann backs her son up, but everyone else in the home is going mad. Margaret even looks like senior Mrs. Bush. This is her RBT debut. In a conversation, she shared that her former career was a teacher and she taught with a college friend of this writer.

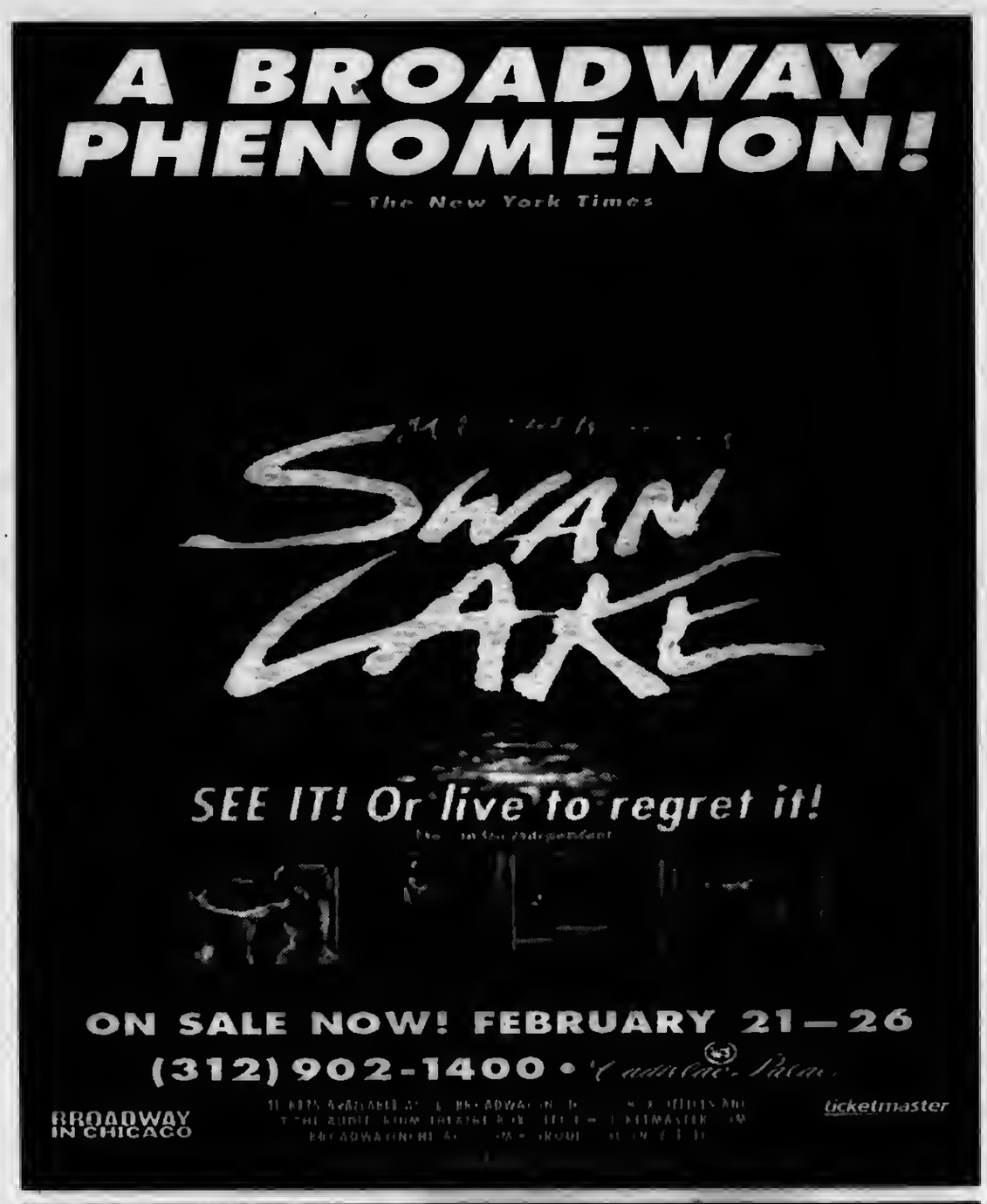
Nick Sandys marvelously plays Tartuffe. It is different from his prior rolls in classical theatre. Tartuffe is a born-again Christian who is a fraud. The household includes the Hispanic housekeeper-maid; Dorine wonderfully played in her RBT debut by Stephanie Diaz and a star in the making. She sees things as they are and speaks her mind in either language. She had some of the best lines in the show. In a conversation with her after the show, she said, "that it is a thrill to be in Chicago."

The performance follows the escalating Tartuffe fortunes and attempts to unmask him and restore Orgon to his senses. Orgon is taken in by Tartuffe and decides to give him, his daughter, Marianne (Erin Neal) who is in love with Valere (great comedy by Erik Hellman). His wife, Elmire (great work by Linda Gillum), is nearly sacrificed as Tartuffe lusts greatly for Elmire.

Orgon's brother-in-law Cleante (Raymond Fox) proposes "all things in moderation." The federal agent restores law. Any resemblance's to current politics is welcomed!

The production runs through March 5. Tickets are $33-$38.50. Call 773-871-3000 for reservations.

Black Ensemble Theater Is recognizing Black History month by presenting Nina Simone: The High Priestess Speaks" Call 773-769-4451 or Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500.



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The Debt Trap

"Debt service, as a percentage of income, is at a record high. Even with Mom and Dad both working, family expenses exceed income. What can the lumpenhouseholders do but pray for a miracle...file for bankruptcy...or cut back even more?"

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

The days of cheap energy are over. Kuwait confessed that it has about half the oil it once claimed. And like a fat lady in the pastry section before a snowstorm, China is buying up oil reserves wherever it can find them - in Nigeria, in Ecuador, and in Syria.

Meanwhile, wealth leaks rapidly out of the West and into the East. Bloomberg tells us that China's economy grew at 9.9% last year, overtaking France's in total output. That puts China in the number five position, just behind Britain, Germany, Japan and the United States. Economists expect China to run past Britain this year. Then, it will be snapping at Germany's heels.

The U.S. Empire loses ground against China and the rest of Asia, too. Its domestic economy grew only about a third as fast last year, and not half as well. China is growing, albeit in a reckless and dangerous way, by building more productive capacity. That's real growth...growth that can add to its wealth. America, on the other hand, is "growing" by consuming its wealth, like a man who sells the family business in order to buy a beach condo. He seems richer. He feels richer. He gets a new girl friend and a tan. At least, he looks healthy and happy when he arrives in bankruptcy court.

"The American economy heads into 2006 with a full head of steam," claimed the empire's chief executive. Neither war, nor high oil prices, nor hurricanes could keep it from its rendezvous with destiny, he went on. He is surely right; but how much destiny does a decadent empire have?

According to the LA Times, polls show that half the public "thinks the economy is in bad shape and that Bush is doing a bad job of managing it." One survey showed that 30% of the population believes the United States is in a recession. And the bankruptcy figures show that for many people, the United States might as well be in a slump; they don't seem to be able to make ends meet. After energy, health care, and housing cost increases, they have less than nothing left over. But at least they have plenty of that! They spent more than they made last year. And now comes news that Ford is getting rid of another 30,000 decent-paying jobs.

Oh Alan, Alan ...what have you done? You have lured a whole generation into a debt trap from which they cannot get out. Debt service, as a percentage of income, is at a record high. Even with Mom and Dad both working, family expenses exceed income. What can the lumpenhouseholders do but pray for a miracle...file for bankruptcy...or cut back even more?

And what can your successor at the Fed do? The poor man is already checking out helicopters. He figures he might have to drop $100 bills from the air in order to keep America's bubbles inflated. He's probably right. A credit expansion must be followed by a credit contraction. Under Greenspan's leadership, credit expanded in the homeland even faster than waistbands. Now, the big trend is in the other direction. In terms of real money (gold), asset values all over the world are going down. They may be going up in local currency terms, but gold is going up even faster.

Yes, gold is still edging up toward $560 an ounce. Yes, the dollar fell yesterday. And yes, the latest experiment with paper money is beginning a new phase. It was relatively simple for a central bank to shepherd a paper money when it was rising against real money; the bankers could simply print more of it. Everyone was happy. Now, we will see what happens when the paper money falls. Will investors be so ready to loan out dollars? Will they buy Treasuries at today's low yields? Will housing prices go up when yields rise? Without higher house prices, how will consumers continue consuming?

Alan Greenspan entered the Fed with room to maneuver, for Paul Volcker had broken the consumer price inflation of the '70s. Gold was going down. Consumer debt was less than half what it is today, while asset prices were low. And the esteem in which central banking was held was - let us say - moderate. All he had to do was to make money easy to get. But poor Ben Bernanke comes upon the scene with everything running against him. Money has been too easy...for too long. People already have too much credit, too many debts, and too many expenses. But Bernanke - battling a forest fire with a woodpile - plans to give them more. We are already pulling up a comfy chair and buying popcorn; it will be fun to watch the show.

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Well-Appointed Room at Steppenwolf

by Marijo Doody

Richard Greenberg's "Well-Appointed Room" is a pair of one-acts under the title. The couple in the second one-act moved into the apartment vacated by the couple in the first-act. It is premised on, before and after 9/11.

The first piece "Nostalgia" Tracy Letts (Gus) and Amy Morton (Ethel) star as a middle-aged couple with no communication. Dialogue could have been out of an Edward Albee or Henry Ibsen play with dysfunctional family members. "Nostalgia" opens with Amy cooking and the arguments with Tracy, a workaholic writer in the Manhattan apartment.The apartment is great and would go for a pretty penny anywhere.

The second piece "Prolepsis" finds a pair of young lovers, Kate Arrington (Gretchen) and Josh Charles (Mark) who meet at a bus stop in the rain. They fall in love, marry, become rich and she comes with child. As they go to buy a place in New York, 9/11 levels the area and they are forced to find another place to live. She goes mad. When she goes out and meets an older man, Terry Letts, Josh meets an older woman, Amy Morton. In-between much of the play dialogue is fantasy and with Mark off in the shadows sort of denies his character.

Both the men in the productions are presented as having strong dreams and try to mold their relationships. The women have some choices, as Ethel leaves and Gretchen comes out of the pregnancy with a healthy baby.

Robert Brill's scenic design, the title character "The Well Appointed Room" is masterful in period and status. The play runs through March 12. Call the box office at 312-335-1650.

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Oak Forest Alderman resigns

by Matt Mayer

Carol Scozio resigned her position as 4th Ward Alderman at the Jan 24, Oak Forest City Council meeting, citing heath problems. Scozio is an Oak Forest Park District employee and is on medical leave. She hopes to eventually return to her position at the Park District. Mayor JoAnn Kelly will now need to make an appointment to fill the empty council seat.

The city council approved a design engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman Inc for the 2006 MTF (motor fuel tax) road program as well as a purchase agreement with CarteGraph Systems for a computerized work order and infrastructure management system for the Public Works Department. A temporary construction agreement at 5420 W. 159th St and a sanitary sewer easement agreement for facilities at 5420 W. 159th St were also approved. No monetary amounts were revealed. The next meeting is Feb. 14.

Senator Crotty cosponsors ethanol legislation

State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) signed on to cosponsor legislation introduced in January, that will boost renewable fuel standards, promote ethanol production in the corn-rich state of Illinois, and decrease dependency on foreign oil. The bipartisan effort uses Illinois' resources to develop the next generation of alternative fuels and puts Illinois at the forefront of a growing technology.

As gasoline process have increased over the past several years, the use of a more economical alternate continues to grow. The legislation will build five more plants and makes a $42 million investment in the industry. It has set a goal that by January 2008 all motor fuel must be 10% ethanol and will increase to 15% by 2012.

The measure is an initiative of the Illinois Corn Growers Association (ICGA), the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) and the Illinois Soybean Association (ISA).

Mount Assisi Academy hold fourth annual dinner

Sister Ann Barbara Plavac, OSM, president and the Board of Directors of Mount Assisi Academy will host its Fourth Annual Dinner Dance, Saturday, February 25, 2006 at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park, Illinois.

The evening will kickoff with cocktails at 6:00 p.m., followed the by dinner, program and dancing at 7:00 p.m. Both a live and silent auction, including Chicago White Sox and Blackhawk tickets and a raffle will be part of the festivities. Tickets are $100 per person. For more information or ticket purchase, please contact Mount Assisi director of development Donna Murphy at 630-257-7844, ext. 23 or developmentdir@mtassisiacademy.org <mailto:developmentdir@mtassisiacademy.org>.

Immediate past president of Mount Assisi Academy Sister Francine Hribar, OSM, will be presented with the inaugural Franciscan Leadership Award in honor of her years of dedication and service. Linda Schaefer, photojournalist and author, will provide the keynote address. Ms. Schaefer holds the distinction of being the last professional granted full access to Mother Teresa, and her presentation will speak to her time spent ministering alongside Mother Teresa, as well as her own personal conversion that ultimately led to becoming amember of the Catholic faith in 2004.

Orland Park names assistant to the mayor

The Village of Orland Park has announced the appointment of Jack Knight to fill the vacant position of Assistant to the Mayor.

Knight comes from the nonprofit sector and has directed programs that have included partnerships with the Chicago Department of Environment, the Chicago Housing Authority and the Chicago Public Schools.

As Assistant to the Mayor, Knight will provide support to the mayor by serving as liaison with the trustees, Village Manager's office, department directors, staff, committees, community and municipal groups and other organizations. He will also work on issues of importance in Springfield and at the County Building and represent Mayor McLaughlin at various events when the mayor is unable to attend. Knight's duties will also include researching and analyzing issues of short and long-term importance to the village.

Knight, an Orland Park resident, received his Master's of Public Affairs from Indiana University in Bloomington and his undergraduate degree from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Knight interned for the U.S. Department of the Interior at Valley Forge Historical Park in Pennsylvania, in the city of Dubuque and in Monroe County in Indiana.

Mayor Dan McLaughlin said, "As the elected officials' positions are part-time, Jack will be better able to attend meetings that we are unable to. He will then be able to report back to me and the board and provide recommendations. I'm very happy to have Jack join our village team to assist me and the Board members in dealing with the many projects and concerns we have in the village." The mayor added, "Given Jack's background and training, I'm confident that he will be an asset to the village."Mr. Knight began his position at the village on January 18, 2006.

Orland selects METRA Triangle developer

by Matt Mayer

It was announced at the Jan 16, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting that L.R. Development LLC of Chicago has been chosen from the three bids received for the Main Street Triangle development. The METRA train station is the centerpiece for the recreation of an historic downtown area.

The new train station currently under construction at 143rd St and Southwest Highway is expected to serve 1,700 commuters as METRA increases service from 16 to 30 trains daily. The area will also include the extension of 142nd St to the new 600-slot commuter parking lot.

The high-end mixed-use development project will also include condominiums, as well as retail and commercial space. An additional possible entity is an Arts Center in the Civic Area, which was discussed at the Dec 5, 2005 Board of Trustees meeting. The village is planning a spring town hall meeting to gather public input prior to finalizing a project plan.

The METRA Triangle is being developed as a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. A (TIF) uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is free from local taxing bodies; the maximum life of a (TIF) is 23 years.

The development is bounded by LaGrange Rd, Southwest Hwy and 143rd St. At the March 21, 2005 board meeting, Project Manager Chuck Crump of DLP Architecture outlined the plans for the 3,600 square foot station.

Artist renderings depicted the station to be constructed with a lime stone base, red brick walls, woods trim and a 42-foot clock tower rising above the station, which will be visible to north and south bound traffic on LaGrange Rd. Lamps, benches and trash containers will also depict a historical look.

Village of Orland Park donates computers

The Village of Orland Park recently donated approximately 40 used computer systems, including monitors, servers, printers, speakers, power cords and keyboards to the Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN).

ATEN is a program of the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago - Infinitec, which provides refurbished computers and assistive technology for students with disabilities.

Assistive technology is any type of device that accomplishes a task for someone who cannot achieve it naturally.

The Assistive Technology Exchange Network (ATEN) also accepts computer related donations from the public, including software, printers, joysticks, mice, keyboards, monitors and computers. ATEN is located at 7750 West 183rd Street, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477.

For more information about ATEN, please call 708/444-2836.

Tut comes to The Field Museum

Tut comes to the Field Museum Tickets for the Field Museum's show "Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharos" are now on sale.

The exhibit is expected to be the Field Museum's biggest draw. Tickets are $25 for adults, $22 seniors and students with an ID, and $16 for children 4 to 11.

Tickets are also available by phone (855-343-5303) or on the web at www.fieldmuseum.org/tut.

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Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You will be wrapping things up as to what you need financially. Someone has the right helps for you. Listen! C or K aid.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: If something looks good, it does not mean it "is" good. Your sense of smell may be off somewhat. Careful! R helps.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Acorn Public Library District events

The Acorn Library is proud to present Tea with Author Barbara D'Amato, on Saturday, April 8th at 2 p.m. Mystery writer Barbara D'Amato will attend a question and answer session. Ms. D'Amato is the writer of a mystery series starring Chicago freelance reporter Cat Marsala and other series, which stars Chicago patrol police Suze Figueroa and Norm Bennis. Her latest thriller is "Death of a Thousand Cuts." Ms. D'Amato has been president of the Mystery Writers of America and of the Sisters in Crime International. Her experiences as a playwright, novelist and crime researcher look to be inspiring to all!

Robert Weinberg, author of numerous books, including "The Science of Superheroes," "The Science of Supervillains," "The Science of Anime," and the upcoming publication, "The Secrets of the X-Men," will be part of a talk on Thursday, April 6th at 7 p.m. Mr. Weinberg will discuss his writings, how science is used in the writings of his books and about comic books, including The Hulk, X-Men and others.

From his recently published book of poetry, "At Least he Shuts up When He Writes," Donald Lundquist, Jr. will recite on Saturday, April 15th, at 2 p.m. Mr. Lundquist's poetry will touch on living positively in a world where humor, love and honesty are the strongest pulse. Come to experience an evening full of laughter with our own "Ogden Nash."

Catch spring fever by enjoying a colorful and breathtaking photographic tour through Smoky Mountain National Park, as seen through the eyes of nature photographer Ron Kurowski. "Above the Smoke," by Ronald Kurowski, will take place on Thursday, February 23rd, at 7 p.m. After his presentation, Mr. Kurowski will answer any questions regarding photography.

This family program is a real "pot of gold!" Come and hear the Celtic traditions of storytelling at "Irish Wonders: Banjo Tales with Dan Lemonnier," on Saturday, March 11th, at 2 p.m. From legendary Finn MacCoul to modern braggarts and liars, Ireland's very best tales and tunes come to life in Lemonnier's performance.

The Nationals Association of the Remodeling Industry, or NARI, will present guidelines, how-to's, and red flags of hiring people for home remodeling and repair jobs at "How to Select a Remodeling Contractor, on Thursday, March 9th at 7 p.m.

Starting in February, Acorn Public Library will be showing family films on Saturday afternoons. For a complete list of films, please contact the reference desk.

Calling all film critics! If you are interested in becoming a part of a film discussion group, please call the library or stop by the reference desk for more information.

Muse is a group of writers who share works and information. Muse meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. If you would like to try your hand at writing, this group just might be for you. Events include guest writers and contests.

An adult book discussion group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Readers share their insights into different books. Once a title is selected, the library gathers copies for the members to read. New members are always welcome.

In conjunction with Youth Services, the library will be offering a first aid class with basic first aid tools. Heartsaver First Aid Program will take place on Saturday, May 20th, at 11 a.m.

Find out how to design butterfly-friendly gardens that meet the basic needs of common Illinois butterflies at "Butterfly Gardening" on Thursday, May 4th, at 7 p.m. We'll also show you what plants attract these lively "flowers of the air."

Acorn continues to offer ongoing computer classes at many different levels. The fee is $5 per class. To sign up for the class, or for more information, please stop by the circulation desk. Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers who are interested in joining our group. This is a great opportunity to support the Acorn Public Library.

All adult programs are free. For more information on any of these events or groups, please contact the reference desk at 708/687-3700, or e-mail us at reference@acornlibrary.org.

Sheriff congratulates deputy

Cook County Sheriff Michael F. Sheahan (right) congratulates Deputy Sheriff Noreen Ruane-Hraha after she stopped a recent escape attempt from the Criminal Courts building. Deputy Ruane-Hraha, a resident of Evergreen Park, has been with the Cook County Sheriff's Office since 1989.

Together We Cope Benefit

Together We Cope, an agency helping families in crisis, located in Tinley Park, is hosting their 5th Annual Dinner/Silent Auction on Friday, February 17 at 7pm at the Odyssey Country club, 19110 Ridgeland Ave.

Tinley Park Dinner and cocktails will be served from 7:00pm to 10:30pm. Entertainment will be provided by The Spectrum Singers. A silent auction and raffle will be featured.

Tickets are available at store Together We Cope, 17000 S. Oak Park Ave. Tinley Park or by you can call Mary Ann at 708-633-5040.

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Chicago Ridge approves local law enforcement grant

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a Local Law Enforcement Grant of $12,000 for the Police Department at the January 17 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The board also approved decreasing and increasing the number of class-D liquor licenses by one, which will be issued to Jesse's Tavern at 10501 S. Ridgeland Ave. A business license was approved for Patricia Meneghini LTD., with the stipulation that past license fees be paid. Meneghini has been operating an unlicensed mental health practice for approximately one and a half years at 10255 S. Ridgeland Ave.

The board approved a resolution regarding the 2005 community development block grant (CDBG) as well as a resolution with the Chicago Southland Convention Vacation Bureau. The board also approved the following tuition reimbursement request: $622 for Firefighter Chris Schmelzer; $566 for Police Officer Layman; $566 for Police Sgt. Herman and $1,133 for Detective Mitchell as well as a tuition reimbursement of $415 for Karen Schmidt of the Administration Department. Schmidt was also commended for receiving an "A" in the class.

The board approved an administration request to replace one administrative server and software program for $7,610 as well as an upgrade to the LaserFiche software for $4,945.

A contract with Clarke Mosquito for the 2006 mosquito abatement program was also approved. The board approved an annual solicitation request from Banker's Life and Causality for the Alzheimer's Association to solicit on May 5 and 6.

Aglow International meetin

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow, International will meet on Thursday, February 9, at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, located at 7500 S. Harlem in Bridgeview. The speakers for February will be John and Eliana Caudillo, who have been pastoring the Oak Lawn Foursquare Church, or Hope Chapel, for over six years. John is from California, while Eliana is from Argentina. The Caudillos have two sons; John, who is in the Marine Corps and presently stationed in San Diego and Paul, who is in the Navy and stationed in the Great Lakes Naval Base here in Illinois. Prior to their coming to Oak Lawn to pastor, the Caudillos were missionaries in Honduras for ten years.

John was the National Foursquare Bible Institute Director in Honduras, and was also involved in leadership training throughout Honduras, Central America and in Cuba.

Eliana has had three Christian radio programs and a live, one-hour Christian television program. Eliana has also served as an advisor to Woman's Aglow in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

The Caudillos will speak on uplifting and encouraging those who have experienced loss or hard times. Members are encouraged to bring a friend to share in this evening.

Dinner tickets are $13, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7 p.m.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meetings, retreats, and conferences on six of the seven continents. Aglow holds bible studies and publishes leadership training materials, books, and tracts, reaching out to women in prisons and hospitals, teenage girls, with intercessory prayer groups and support groups. Aglow's mission is to lead women to Jesus Christ and provide an opportunity for Christian women to grow in their faith and minister to others.

For more information, please call June Hamer at 708/424-1656.

Worth discusses TIF district

by Matt Mayer

Residents filled the village chambers a the Jan. 24, Worth Board of Trustees meeting which followed a special meeting regarding citizen input for potential community development projects for the tax increment finance (TIF) district, which includes the former Paul's Plumbing Supply at 111th and Ridgeland Ave as well as several other properties between Ridgeland Ave and the Tri-State on 111th St. A TIF uses revenue to fund improvements with in the district and is exempt from local taxing bodies. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

Autoworth Repair owner, Pat Wad, questioned Mayor Ed Guzdziol regarding the village evoking eminent domain - a right a government has to seize property for public use. Guzdziol reiterated, "The board would not use this right for residential properties, but the board does have this option for commercial properties. However if the board feels that a business is gouging the market for higher than fair market value - we do have the right to use our eminent domain powers, but this would be on a case-by-case basis. It does not mean we're going to use it, it just means we have the option if we feel someone is gouging the market," Guzdziol said.

The board approved an ordinance providing a procedure to be implemented regarding the purchase of certain unused properties if a case should arise where the village would receive equal monetary bids as well as an ordinance regarding the salary of new part time auxiliary police officers. An ordinance authorizing the sale of unused village property located at 7360 W. 110th St with an opening bid of $170,000 was also approved.

News from Chicago Ridge Library

Story Times at the Chicago Ridge Public Library has begun registration and it is first come first served! Toddler Time for two-year-olds accompanied by adult is offered on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:15 and runs through March 21, 2006.

Story Times for 3,4 and 5 year olds begins February 1 and continues to March 21 at 5:30-7:15pm on Wednesday. It is repeated on Thursday mornings from 9:30-10:15 and 10:30-11:15 and Thursday afternoons from 1:30-2:15pm. This group continues through March 23.

Story Times for 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders is on Thursday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 and runs through March 23. This is a great way to give your child extra enrichment needed and an opportunity to develop social interaction skills in the library environment.

Culture Club at Chicago Ridge Library: Registration has begun for Culture Club. For children grades 4-6, a different European country's culture is explored through books, videos, music, crafts, language and foods. The group meets first and third Tuesday of the month from 3:30-4:30pm beginning February 7 and running through May 16.

Culture Club is a great way to give the child extra enrichment by exposing them to a wide range of peoples and customs. It is also a way to develop language skills.

Get curious about George!: You're invited to wear a yellow hat and bring your Curious George dolls. Enjoy an afternoon of funny stories. This is for children 30-13. An adult must accompany children 3-6.

Contact Constance Vanswol Youth Services Librarian, at the Chicago Ridge Library, 708-423-2758. The Chicago Ridge Public Library is located 10400 South Oxford Avenue in Chicago Ridge.

Student art of St. Catherine at OLPL

Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth services Department of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th St. to view an exhibit of artwork. Fifth through eighth grade students of St. Catherine of Alexandria School in Oak Lawn were the artists and it runs through February 15.

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Worth meeting about Lucas-Berg Pit Project

The Village of Worth's Life Safety Committee for the Lucas-Berg Project will be meeting on Wednesday, February 15th at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Worth Village Hall, which is located at 7112 W. 11th Street.

All Worth residents and those from surrounding communities are encouraged to attend this meeting to ask questions and receive information regarding the Army Corps of Engineers dumping the grossly contaminated canal dredging into the Lucas Berg Pit, located by 111th Street and Southwest Highwa.

For additional information, please contact the Worth Village Hall, at 708/448-1181

Free health Screening at the library

Remember blood pressure screenings at the OLPL in the Oak Lawn partnership program "Ask a Health Care Specialist" for Wednesday, February 8 from 10-11:30am in the lower level meeting room.For more information call 708-422-4990.

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EP hosts firefighters training

by Marijo Doody

As a granddaughter of a firefighter family, curiosity got the better of me recently. At the corner of 96th and Kedzie many pieces of firefighters' equipment were present daily. As I stopped an EP Firefighter to inquire what was happening, I explained my grandfather was a chief in the 1920's and I grew-up chasing firetrucks with my dad.

"Low and behold", he said, because the three buildings were earmarked for demolition, the Village had allowed the EP firefighters training potential. Firehouses from Alsip, Bedford Park, Oak Lawn and other southwest areas sent equipment and personnel to practise firefighting. Of course I wanted to go in, but was told it was dangerous as floors were missing and they had sectioned off other quarters for specific maneuvers. They had numerous 911 calls as persons had seen smoke, therefore we are informing readers of this firefighters drill.

Evergreen Park approves sewer project

by Matt Mayer

A resolution request was approved at the Feb. 6 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees for the 2006 Community Development Block Grant program for $100,000, which will be used for a sewer relining project on 98th St from Harding to Central Avenues. The board approved an ordinance amendment regarding water service connections from a one half to a one-inch pipe for water mains. A public hearing regarding the grant will precede the Feb. 20 board of trustees meeting at 6:30 p.m.

An ordinance for the conversion of a six-unit apartment building to a condominium at 8701 S. Sacramento was also approved as well as a request to extend a heating and air conditioning contract with Air Comfort Co for $14,940 for an additional year. The contract covers the village hall and the police and fire departments

The board approved an amendment to an ordinance, which enables the police to tow any vehicle in which the driver of the vehicle is charged with possession of an unlawful weapon, driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. This amendment increases the appeal time from 30 to 45 days to have adequate time to flow through the court system. A request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to purchase a 2006 F350 vehicle for $20,281 to transport prisoners was also approved.

Village trustees will act as a zoning committee at the next meeting regarding zoning codes for nursing homes and personal care facilities. March 21-18 was proclaimed Girl Scout Week for the distribution of purchased cookies.

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Oak Lawn approves redevelopment agreement

by Matt Mayer

The board unanimously approved an ordinance at the Feb.14 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting for a redevelopment agreement for the property located at 5000-5020 W. 95th St. The existing building, which was a former Mitsubishi dealership and a short-lived motorcycle dealership, is north of 95th St and east of the Metra railroad. This now revokes the eminent domain, which was placed on the property in 2003 by the previous board. Developer Harry Major who had purchased the 8,000 square foot building in 2002 now plans on expanding the building to 10,000 square feet of retail space and will have a new brick facade.

Police Chief Bob Smith was presented the "Thanks for Making a Difference Award" from Ridgeland School District 122 in gratitude for his dedication and commitment to the children of the district. The board approved an ordinance amending certain provisions to the village code regarding membership of the board of trustee of the firefighters pension fund. An ordinance approving a garage height variation at 5362 Kimball Place was also approved

The board approved a Fire Department request to hire one fire fighter from the current eligibility list to replace a firefighter/paramedic who has resigned. A request from the Spartan Alumni And Friends Athletic Association to sell advertising space on 4x4 signs posted on the baseball practice field fence at Oak Lawn Community High School as a fundraising effort, to generate money to support the addition of lights at the schools football field and upgrade the lighting in their gyms along with adding equipment for the different sports teams, was approved as well as a three year lease agreement between the Village of Oak Lawn and Robert E. Kenny, Jr, PC for the 5210 W 95th St Law offices building.

The last day to register to vote in the in the village clerks office for the March 21 primary is Feb. 21. Early voting will take place from Feb. 27 thru March 16. A government issued ID is required. Absentee in person voting will also take place from March 17-20. Additional information may be obtained by calling 499-7738. The winner of the suggested name change of the Oak Lawn Clipping newsletter will be announced at the next meeting on Feb 28.

Student Bill; passes Illinois Senate

A bill that would give a seat on the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to non-traditional students from Illinois' public universities passed the Illinois Senate 58-0. State Senator Edward D. Maloney (D-Chicago) was the sponsor.

Non-traditional students are generally 24 years of age or older, employed on a full time basis, and/or a parent. "There are approximately 160,000 non-traditional students at Illinois' public universities" indicated Maloney. "They have to balance school with family, employment and financial commitments and this bill is important because it sends the message that higher education is for more than 18-24 year old Illinois students."

According to the fifteen-member IBHE a student would be selected to the IBHE Student Advisory Committee and the board would increase to sixteen members.

Wal-Mart store- front before opening in Evergreen Park (photo; Marijo Doody)

Wal-Mart contributes to Evergreen Park

In a monetary way, Wal-Mart gave $25,000 to the Evergreen Park Library for new programming, the American Legion Post on Kedzie received $1500. It was reported that the American Legion representatives were the honor guard in the grand opening celebration. Traffic seems to be more congested between California and Western with the opening of the new store. In the parking lot are many cars with shoppers descending for the bargains.

The increase in tax revenue to Evergreen Park should help homeowners in the Park. It was previously reported that over 25,0000 persons applied for jobs at the location for the new store. It shows that a lot of people are out of work and many persons are under employed. The effect of union membership has become a non-factor in job seekers.

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Eagle Scout honored at VFW Post 5220

A $200 saving bond was presented to Joseph R. Nowiski, Boy Scout Troop #618 a resident of Oak Lawn at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church as an award for Eagle Scout status. Nowiski, has been in scouting since the age of six in 1993 as a Tiger Cub. He progressed through the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf and Bear scout.

He became a Boy Scout member of Troop 618 in Oak Lawn in 1998. He has earned over twenty merit badges, and has served as Counselor-in-Training at camp Owassippe.

Nowiski, has been in scouting for thirteen years and has held numerous scouting positions. He is presently an Assistant Scoutmaster

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Publisher'sPen

Since June 6, 2004, God has given me the opportunity to reacquaint with six good friends from the past of more than 30 years. "Bud" Sylvano from Rolling Meadows was my best friend from second through fourth grade. We walked home from school together everyday. Another person was David Chester who also was in my class from 2nd through eighth grade. Then came Kay Keenan Tucker Riordan, Sharon Gallagher McManigal, Rose Ramirez Kessler who graduated from St. Martin Commercial. Kay and I knew each other since we were 13 years old and Rose and I knew each other since I was 14 years old and Sharon and I knew each other at 15 years old. Wow, I have been in seventh heaven since 2004.

Within the past months, one of my instructors from Moraine Valley Community College in 1978, contacted me. Her name is Judge Pamela E. Hill Veal. Pamela during the late 70's at Moraine was a psychology instructor and one of my favorite people. Judge Veal is running in Cook County for Judge in the Circuit Court.

Honorable Judge Pamela Hill Veal sat with me recently at my home to reintroduce herself as a candidate for judge of the Circuit Court. As it was in 2004, she was appointed to the position of judge in the Circuit Court. She now has to run for office and for her seat, there are three candidates running against her.

After reading her bio, I couldn't help to think this woman is well rounded educationally, as well as background as an attorney.

While we were visiting, her personality was as sincere as she was in 1978 when I knew her. Her thirst for education for herself is as evident as it was in 1978.

For more than 20 years, Pamela Hill Veal has been an educator at Chicago State University and MVCC. She taught Trial Practise and Procedures, Criminal Law, Intro to Law, Intro to Psychology, Basic Speech, Law and the Media, and she authored several workbooks.

Judge Veal graded the Illinois State Bar Examination for several terms. Judge Pamela Hill Veal is liscensed to practise law in Washington D.C., State of Michigan, and of course Illinois. She is also licensed to practise before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Her certification and training includes Arbitration Workshop, Alcoholism Education and Prevention, American Sign Language, Rape Prevention, Campus and Community, Training in Crisis Intervention, Training in Grantsmanship for Education, Training in Marriage and Family Counseling.

There is so much more to Judge Pamela Hill Veal, other then her superb education, certificate training, legal experiences or related job experience. She is reachable, humane and sincere. She can be reached at 773-778-0889 or her website www.judgehillveal.com.

My ending includes vote for Judge Pamela Hill Veal, for she did receive the endorsement by the Cook County Democratic Party and the IVO - IPO. If you are choosing a democratic ballot, punch 80 for judges for the primary on March 21, 2006.

As Judge Pamela Hill Veal says, "my colleagues are using check 80, because of the new voting screens, but I still like the old way of saying punch 80."

Since I have always been a Ronald Reagan fan, I would be remised if I didn't remember his birthday. Gov. Rod Blagojevich proclaimed February 6th as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the State of Illinois. Illinois became one of the 40 states honoring Ronald Reagan on that date. The recognition of February 6 honors Reagan as a strong leader and friend of the American people. The late president stated in his last speech that he would leave behind "the greatest love for this country of ours and eternal optimism for its future. The proclamation, issued throughout the nation by Democratic and Republican leaders alike, supports the preservation of his legacy.

"Bi-partisan support in recognizing Reagan's birthday reflects the late president's ability to connect with all Americans," stated Grover Norquist, chairman of the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project. "His leadership left a resounding impact on the lives of citizens worldwide and honoring his birthday is a great reminder to everyone young and old, of his place in history. It is vital that President Reagan's legacy is passed on through generations."

Legislation to protect consumer from mortgage fraud

State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) is sponsoring important legislation that will protect more customers from the dangers of mortgage fraud. Working together with Attorney General, Lisa Madigan, Senate Bill 2349 was introduced.

Mortgage fraud is a widespread problem throughout the nation and many foreclosures have occurred over the past decade in Illinois. In Cook County alone, between 1996 and 2002, filings more than doubled from 8000 to 17,248 mortgage foreclosures and the trend is prominent in other areas.

With the growing number of households throughout the state under financial distress, the number of illicit business known as "mortgage rescuers" has also grown. They take the role of property consultant or purchaser and frequently sell the home to another party, forcing the original party eviction or a loss of assets.

Senate Bill 2349 will create the Mortgage Rescue Prevention Act and aims to fight both unscrupulous consultants and purchasers. They will be required to give homeowners a written contract on all services rendered and state the contract can be canceled anytime prior to completion. Property purchasers will be required to give notice to the homeowner the house is for sale by a specific contract that lays out all terms of the sale. The homeowner will have five (5) business days to cancel the sales contract. If the sale is made, the purchaser must pay the homeowner 82% of the fair market value of the property at the time of the sale. Violations will result in criminal penalties.

Senator Collins says, "the people most adversely affected by mortgage fraud are those who need the most help and those in low income neighborhoods are the highest risk. It is not a problem specific to Illinois and we can only hope other states will make this type of legislation a priority." The Act is modeled on laws in Minnesota and Maryland, though several other states are currently considering similar legislation.

Chicago White Sox World Series Trophy with Mayor Dave Heilmann & Marijo Doody, Village View Theatre critic.

Trophy comes to Oak Lawn

Recently the Trophy came to Oak Lawn for fans to visit, photograph and touch. Mayor Heilmann also arranged the children in Hope Children's of Christ Hospital have an opportunity to see it. Patients, family and staff had a great time. The comment in Oak Lawn was it was too short of a time.

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Oak Lawn Library presents March program

Networking to Get the Job You Want

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host a free lecture with tips for "Networking to Get the Job You Want" 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 7. First-come, first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Career Counselor and columnist Wendy Lalli will explain how to develop, use and expand your network so that you can meet "the right people" and impress them enough to remember you when the right job comes along. Discover ways to find a new position, turn professional acquaintances into personal allies, energize your career, strengthen current ties and development new ones.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org). For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Free Health Screenings at Library

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership offers free health screenings at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., the second Wednesday of most months at 10:00-11:30 a.m. At their March 8 screening event, a medical specialist will be on hand to answer questions and distribute free colo-rectal screening home kits. Blood pressure screenings will be conducted by the Oak Lawn Fire Department.

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Advocate Christ Medical Center. Their mission is to maintain the highest quality of life for all residents by encouraging collaboration among local government, businesses, schools and the community. The partnership strives to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

For additional information, call the library, 708-422-4990, or visit the Partnership web site (www.oaklawncommunitypartnership.com).

Homeschool Group Meets at Library

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., has formed a resource and sharing group for homeschooling families that meets every second Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Activities include tours of the library, instruction on improving research skills, presentations and book discussions. No registration required. All ages are welcome. On March 9, the group will explore educational projects with a springtime theme.

For more information, call the Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

Student Art Exhibit

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host an art exhibit of works created by sixth through eighth grade students of Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School. Members of the community are invited to stop by the Youth Services Department to view the pieces on display through March 15, 2006.

For additional information, call 708-422-4990.

Library Employee Service Awards

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently recognized eleven employees for their years of service in five-year increments.

Long-term service awards were given to: Albert Krueger of Building Services and Reference Services Librarian Kathleen O'Leary for 25 years of employment at the library; Carol Krueger of Administration and Reference Services Librarian Barbara Stefanek for 15 years; and Reference Services Librarian Barbara Kusek for 10 years.

Staff recognized for five years of service were: Nicolina Alfonso, Technical Services; Linda Dudlicek, Patron Services; Rosemarie Lozanski, Patron Services; Mary Clare Sabio, Reference Services Librarian; Lorene Visser, Youth Services; and Beth Ellen Walsh, Reference Services.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library: Discussion Groups

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor two discussion groups that meet once a month, September through May, at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., in the Mary Nelson Room, lower level.

Short story discussions are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. They will meet March 8 to discuss "Men of Ireland" by William Trevor and April 12 for "The Rug" by Meg Mullins. Copies of these short stories may be picked up one month in advance at the Readers Advisory Desk.

Book discussions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. The group will meet March 22 for a combination movie showing and book discussion of "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood" by Rebecca Wells. They will meet April 26 to discuss "Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of these books may be checked out one month in advance at the Circulation Desk.

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It is the time of year when the help of those who understand health and human services and value it in our region is needed. South-Southwest Suburban United Way engaged nearly 40 volunteers to serve as regional agency application reviewers and funds distribution decision-makers during the month of February.

With the help of caring volunteers, we can make a positive impact throughout our region. By volunteering with United Way, they have touched thousands of lives and help make our region stronger.

United Way thanks the volunteers for their commitment to improving lives in the 56 communities that make up the South & Southwest Suburban region.

Clerk of Circuit Court's rep presents program at OCS

Jennifer M. Smith, ESQ. the Chief Deputy Clerk Probate Division presented a program representing the Office of Dorothy Brown, Clerk of Circuit Court Cook County. With a captive audience at the recent Senior Council meeting, Smith talked about a number of subjects and fielded questions and answers from the audience

The Probate Division hears proceedings regarding estates, wills, settlements, guardianships and testamentary instruments. A discussion was held on guardianship, administration of estates of decedents, and Durable Power of Attorney on healthcare and finances.

Evergreen Park Historical Commission Chairman Jerry Borch asked several questions on estate topics. Other parties inquired on dual Power of Attorneys with multiple siblings.

It was noted that many things cause a will to go into probate. An individual can file a will without an attorney and there is no fee. An attorney charges a fee. In order to file a will, go to the Probate Division-Will Counter, Room 1202, 12th floor at the main office on Washington Street. . Hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday-Friday. The original will with ink signatures should be filed in person. You will need a date of death when filing a will and preferably a Death Certificate. One can also file at a District Office.

The main office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County is at the Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago and the number is 312-603-5051. The local District 5 office is in Bridgeview at 10220 S. 76th Avenue and the number is 708-974-6500.

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Letter to the editor

State of the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office

2005 was another successful year for the Cook County Recorder of Deeds Office. We recorded 1.41 million documents for the year and exceeded our projection by 1%. While a 1% increase does not appear to be a major accomplishment in an unpredictable financial market it is. However, our on-line market has proved to be very successful. Our website, www.ccrd.info received over 3.7 million visitors. Sales generated from the website exceeded 500k. We started the year with just twenty (20) on-line accounts. At year-end we have in excess of two hundred (200) accounts and several pending account applications.

Our line database will be increased beginning 2006 and beyond. Our goal for 2006 is to make Plats of Survey and Transfer Declaration available on line. It is a personal goal of mine to increase our database of real estate recordings back to the Chicago Fire. This can not be accomplished within a year or two, but we will annually add years prior to October 1985 to our on line customers. This will be a great achievement. Why you may ask? The earlier year recordings will be a great source for researchers, especially students researching the history of Cook County and Chicago. Professional and lay persons alike will be able to walk through the history of real properties throughout Cook County.

I encourage the public to visit our website and examine their property and make sure there are no strange recordings against their property. Conducting an examination of your property once or twice- a- year can reveal early on any recording errors and aide in an expeditious resolution of the matter

I want to thank each of you for your support and I look forward to recording Moore good deeds.

Respectfully yours,
Eugene "Gene" Moore
Cook County Recorder of Deeds

Oak Lawn Public Library news

Quilt & Camera Clubs displayed at OLPL

In February the Oak Lawn Public Library will host exhibits the Salt Creek Quilters Guild and The South Side Camera Club. Quilters will show hand made items created by the members. The Camera club has a 66-year history and will show off awards and memorabilia. For more information call 708-422-4990.

Oak Lawn library information

Boys in third through fifth grade and their fathers (grandfathers, uncles, etc.) are invited to take part in a lively discussion of "The Kid Who Ran for president" by Dan Gutman at the Father Son Book Club meeting hosted by the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th Street on Saturday, February 25 from 10-11am.

You can register in advance and pick up a copy of the book at the Youth Services Desk, It is limited to 15 father/son pairs. For more information call 708-422-4990.

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Construction of the Phase 1 tunnels has already resulted in a cleaner water environment

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Since 1889, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has worked to protect the water environment. **Today, the Board of Commissioners announces that an important milestone has been reached with the completion of Phase I of the Tunnel and Reservoir Plan, or TARP, an innovative and highly beneficial pollution and flood control project.** Each time there is a heavy rainfall in the area, the massive underground tunnel system captures and stores hundreds of millions of gallons of combined sewer overflow that otherwise would have discharged to the local waterways.

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- Recreation and development along the waterways has seen an immense resurgence
- Local waterways are being compared to a second lakefront

What Lies Ahead...

With the completion of Phase 1 of TARP, the District has focused its resources to carrying out Phase 2, which is intended mainly for flood control, but will also provide additional water quality improvements. Phase 2 includes:

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- Reservoirs estimated to provide an average of $122 million in benefits each year

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The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago is proud of the massive engineering accomplishment of completing Phase 1 of TARP. We look forward to construction of the Phase 2 reservoirs as well as meeting new engineering challenges associated with upgrading our water reclamation plants and providing stormwater management throughout Cook County. The Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago celebrates Engineering Week 2006 and pledges to continue to protect the water environment.

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for February 21st: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: A money deal or opportunity is now in the picture and you will have to make decisions to either "go" or "stop." D or M aid.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You may sense rightly so that someone is putting you on the "spot" trying to "force" a decision about money out of you.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You are looking at two really interesting and profitable offers. Take them both if you can handle both of them. D helps.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: A person of influence comes into your life and may ask you to work alongside them in some venture. It is good! R aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: This may be your best insight ever when by the end of this month you have things cleared, cleaned up, and profitable.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Someone N...like "Nick" may have to be put in charge of a financial interest of yours. Insist on professionalism.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You may seem to be a bit "flaky" to some people this week, but you are not flaky at all. You can have a good time fooling them.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Someone is eyeballing you for a higher position and is willing to put their money where their mouth is. Go for it! B aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: It is time to speak up where you work or with your loved one and let them know that you have feelings too. Yes, you count too!

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Think spring!

Join the group at OCS (3450 W. 97th St, Evergreen Park), for a trip to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Tuesday, March 14. The Motorcoach departs at 9:15am and returns at approximately 3:15pm.

Enjoy the show and lunch at navy Pier. Tickets are $60 available at OCS, Room 107. For more information call 708-422-8776.

Kindergarten registration EP District 124

Kindergarten registration EP District 124 will take place at your local school from 9-11am and 1-3pm on the day listed below: February 28, 2006 - Northeast school, 91st & California 422-6500March 1, 2006 - Northwest school, 92nd & Millard, 425-9473March 2, 2006 - Southwest school, 99th Central Park, 424-2444.

To help expedite registration, a packet including medical forms is available at the school. You will need an original birth certificate, a homeowner's insurance policy renters insurance or apartment lease and 2 (two) added forms of ID proving residency. If you cannot register at the above dates, come to the Administration Office at 9400 South Sawyer between 8am and 2pm to register as soon as possible.

MS support group holds meetings at Oak View Park District in Oak Lawn

Chris Toigo right, formerly of Mount Greenwood traveled from Warrenville to speak before the Oak Lawn Support B.E.A.M.S. Christine does not have MS, but has been driving with had controls for 15 years. She spoke about mechanical, technical, application and support for hand controls for certain disabilities. Mary Ellen Tinman is left in the picture. Some of the future speakers will be Lynn Fergusson, Mobility and Accessibility Specialist, Rita Wilson, who trains dogs for the disabled and Ann Cusak, Psy.D, RN, CADE. For more information contact Dave Noren 708-389-2774 or Mary Ellen 708-424-1407.

Illinois State ID Cards Issued at Park Lawn
The Illinois Secretary of State will be at Park Lawn in Oak Lawn to issue state ID cards on Thursday, February 23, 2006 from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. Fees for five year state ID cards and duplicate state ID cards will cost an individual $20.00. Corrected state ID cards will cost $10.00 per individual. People over the age of 65 or people with disabilities are eligible to receive a state ID card at no charge. Anyone with a disability who would like to request an ID card must show proof of disability. Types of disabilities include physical, developmental, visual, hearing and mental. Visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com Park Lawn is located at 10833 S. LaPorte in Oak Lawn. The facility is three blocks west of Cicero Avenue on 109th Street. Visit Park Lawn's website at www.parklawn.com or call 708-425-6867.

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By: Kathy Whirity

In a matter of days I will cross the threshold of officially being labled middle age. I'm curious as to how I'll react to reaching the big 5-0, as in **50** years old!

In the days leading up to this milestone I haven't really given much thought to what the numbers mean.

In my heart I still feel as if I'm still 18 though, on second thought, that concept seems rather silly since that would make me 6 years younger than my eldest child.

If turning 50 is a turning point than I guess I can certainly choose to be upbeat as I approach the fifth decade of my existence.

They say that 40 is the new 30, which makes 50 the new 40. Hey, I can live with that. I remember 40 - it was fun; proof that times keep changing for the better.

When my mother was this age she sure seemed a lot older than I feel now. She wore housecoats and listened to Dean Martin croon golden oldies. For fun she sat in front of the t.v, coffee in hand, watching game shows and working crossword puzzles.

I simply don't feel as though I've reached senior status.

I still enjoy rocking to the music of the Rolling Stones, and it says something for Mick, the 60 something rocker whose music appeals to young and old alike.

Blue jeans are a staple in my closet. No housecoats for this modern mid - lifer.

Thanks to Geritol we are a generation that believes that we're only as old as we feel.

We middle age women do have it made these days. The sky's the limit and the only thing keeping us from reaching our own personal best is our own attitudes.

Whether it's lifting weights or training for marathons, we don't have to give up just because we're growing in years.

My mom grew up in a different era. Women grew old because they felt old.

My goal is to be fit in my fifties. No, I don't want to fool myself into thinking that the years haven't added up to gray hair, wrinkles, and a slower pace from which to continue the journey of menopausal merriment.

In entering into a new decade I'd like to focus on fifty as an adventure - an adventure in growing up gracefully.

Will turning 50 be a fasinating event or a frightful happening? I'll let you know.

What I do suspect is that it will be just what I expect it to be.

On the road to 50 puts me in a reflective mood about all that the years have taught me. I think the most valuable lesson I've learned is to not take myself so seriously.

Life isn't meant to be lived as a burden so if we lighten our thinking we'll enjoy better days.

The big day's celebration will consist of a quiet birthday dinner with my family. That may not sound like much but it's the best gift I could possibly ask for.

It's almost hard to believe that I'm about to be as old as the Walt Disney World Amusement Park, but it's true. And just like the 'kid' in Mr. Disney who never grew up, I will do my best to focus on all the opportunities that are out there for the taking.

As I go full steam ahead to blowing out the 50 birthday candles on my cake my goal is going to be to embrace this more mature time in my life with a spring in my step and a twinkle in my eye.

After the cake is eaten and the presents opened I hope my motto will be—It's nifty to be fifty, for you're only as old as you allow yourself to be.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Be the change you wish to see. (Ghandi)

Cheap Prosperity

"Consumers, investors, politicians, and businessmen all feel the flush of cash and readily spend some of the wealth they think they've come upon. After a while, they're all giddy from the sewer gas and have forgotten that they have to pay the money back."

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

Ben Bernanke was sworn in last week, but he wasn't born yesterday. He knows how the central bank works. Or, at least he thinks he does. The secret, he believes, is in the plumbing. You have to keep the money flowing. And when things get a little sluggish, you have to open a few more valves and sluice gates.

Since he can only create "money" and not real wealth, the deeper secret - one that requires hip waders and a nose clip - is that a central banker must hoodwink the public into thinking it has more wealth than it really does. Consumers, investors, politicians, and businessmen all feel the flush of cash and readily spend some of the wealth they think they've come upon. After a while, they're all giddy from the sewer gas and have forgotten that they have to pay the money back.

Under these circumstances, inflation is a dead certainty. The only unknown is how and when it appears. Until now, it has happily gone into asset prices. Stocks - then real estate - rode high on the tidal wave of money, while consumer prices, mostly, stayed put. But the dollar is vulnerable, warned the experts. Bill Gross, who manages the largest bond fund in the worlds, claims it is "doomed." When doom will show up and in what guise we do not know. But we bet that when it does show, it will yank up the cost of living for consumers. Prices of imports - at say, Wal-Mart - will shoot up. Anticipating this unwelcome variety of inflation, the central bank may turn the screws longer than expected.

Maestro Bernanke is now, officially, the world's most powerful central banker, but, from Chicago, evidence is emerging that the great economic tide over which he presides may already have begun ebbing. The Midwestern city reports that almost 25,000 people applied for jobs at a new Wal-Mart opening up nearby. We have heard of thousands of people in India applying for jobs at Google, but that is not surprising; there are millions of jobless people in India...and Google pays well.

But Wal-Mart? The merchandiser is Scrooge-like with its employees, and U.S. employment, supposedly, is at record highs. We are continuously reassured that we have a "full employment" economy. Whence then, cometh these eager jobseekers?

That is the problem with America's prosperity: it has a cheap and gaudy character to it, like too much makeup on an aging tart. The wrinkles show through the cracks in the rouge.

People are lining up to work in Wal-Mart for the obvious reason: they need the money.

Last year, foreclosures rose 25%. Energy and health care costs are soaring. What's a poor boy to do but don a blue jacket and push more consumer junk at "Everyday Low Prices" to people who can't really afford it?

We read in today's press that Britain is ahead of us. Reports vary, but the bubble in real estate prices in the U.K. apparently peaked out a year ago. Since then, bankruptcies have hit new heights. Yesterday, the Financial Times warned that British consumers might be beginning to put their prehensile thumbs to family budget work; they might soon be "pinching pennies," says the FT.

We don't know. But, we wouldn't be at all surprised to see American consumers begin to squeeze their nickels a little tighter, too. True, the present generation has little experience at it, but they might get the hang of it mighty fast, if they had to...

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CST presents A Flea in Her Ear

Chicago Skakespeare Theatre presents the World Premiere of Georges Feydeau's "A Flea in Her Ear" in a new version by David Ives. The production will run March 10-April 23, 2006.

CST Associate Artistic Director Gary Griffin will direct the production.

The cast includes Rick Hall, Ora Jones, Rick Boynton, Tim Kane and Kevin Gudahi return to CST. New to CST are Anthony Crivllo, Linda Hart, Kathy Scambiatterra and Dale Benson.

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"Windows XP/Operating Systems/Internet" will be Tuesday evening in the Reilly Computer Center from 7-9pm from February 28 to march 28.

Other classes will be offered include Microsoft Power Point, Web Page Creation and Visual Basic. The St. Laurence computer program has been featured on NBC-5 TV. For information call Mr. Bill McLean, Director of Continuing Education Program at 708-458-6900 ex 234 or 594-8899. Registration is accepted by mail or in person and closes three days before the first class.

Mount Assisi holds dinner dance

The fourth Annual Dinner Dance sponsored by the Board of Directors of Mount Assisi will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2006 at Palos Country Club, 13100 Southwest Highway, Orland Park.

The evening will kick off at 6pm with cocktails, followed by dinner, program and dancing at 7pm. Both a live and silent auction, including Chicago White Sox and Blackhawk tickets and a raffle will be part of the festivities. Tickets are $100 per person. To purchase tickets call Mount Assisi director of Development, Donna Murphy at 630-257-7844 ex 23.

Mount Assisi President, Sr. Ann Barbara Plavac, OBM indicates immediate past president of Mt. Assisi, Sr. Francine Hribar OBM will be presented the Franciscan Leadership Award in honor of her years of dedication and service.

Linda Schaefer, photojournalist and author, will provide the keynote address. She is the last professional to have had access to Mother Teresa. Her presentation will be on her time spent ministering alongside Mother Teresa as well as her personal conversation that ultimately led her to becoming a member of the Catholic faith in 2004.

Moraine Valley Community College and Blue Island Library collaborate

The Moraine Valley Community College and Blue Island Library collaborate on "one Book, One Campus" presentation on "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by author Mark Haddon. On Wednesday afternoon, March 1st at 3:30 at the Library, the Moraine Valley Community College and Blue Island Library co-host. The event is scheduled off Moraine's main Palos Hills campus.

The book is a tale of a mathematically gifted fifteen-year-old boy who investigates the murder of a neighbor's dog and learns about himself and his family. The book has captivated teen and adult readers.

Dr. David Hill from Moraine Valley Community College will conduct the discussion of the novel at the Blue Island Library. It is hoped that students and faculty from the Blue Island Campus find the event convenient and take advantage of the opportunity indicates Dan Carroll. Reservations are requested and refreshments will be served. Call the Library at 708-388-1078 ex 15.

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Commissioner Murphy conducts assessment seminars in Chicago Heights

Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Maureen Murphy will conduct two assessment appeal seminars in Chicago Heights for Bloom Township residents. They will be on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 with registration at 9:30am with the seminar at 10am. The second seminar is Thursday, March 9, 2006 with registration at 3:30pm and the seminar beginning at 7pm. They are at the Bloom Township Building, 425 S. Halsted. Bloom Township Assessor Sue Fares sponsor the seminars. Bloom township property owners have until March 20 to turn in their assessment complaint forms to the Board of Review.

The seminar will inform homeowners how to determine if they are over assessed, where to go to gather evidence for an appeal and how to fill out the complaint form. There is no fee for an appeal. Some homeowners have received over $385 savings in taxes.

Commissioner Murphy encourages taxpayers to bring their Tax Bill, Assessment Notice or Property Identification Number to the seminar so their complaint form can be completed and turned in. For added information, call the Board of Review at 312-603-3644.

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Humanitarian Award Recipient, Maureen Shields, founder of Courage Program, Sr. Kathleen McIntyre LCM, Chair of LCM Board of Directors and Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence Recipient, Mary Grimm, RN,BSN, manager material child service.

Little Company of Mary Hospital's annual gala held

With over 850 guest, Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation's 16th Annual Crystal Heart Ball made a big difference for mothers and babies. Guest received exclusive access to the Field Museum's Pompeii Stories from an Eruption exhibit. The ball proceeds benefited the Little Company of Mary Hospital's Material Child Services department.

The opportunity presented itself to recognize two individuals/or departments for outstanding accomplishments and service. The Mary Potter Humanitarian Award was presented to Maureen Shields for her work in founding the Courage program, which is based at St. Germaine Catholic Church in Oak Lawn. The Courage organization addresses the issue of unexpected pregnancies and their difficulties. Shield's is married to Mark, they have four children and seven grandchildren with more on the way. She has been recognized by numerous organizations including the Sertoma Club, Today's Chicago women and has received the Distinguished Alumni Award from St. Xavier University.

The Foundation presented the Sister Nancy Boyle Award for Excellence to the hospital's Maternal Child Services Nursing Team. Mary Grimm, RN, BSN, manager, material services received the award. The Material Services department encompasses Labor & Delivery, Mother/Baby, Neonatal ICU and Pediatrics.

Cochairs of the event were Nora & John Hanlon, MD and Fred and Kathy Berglund.

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Burbank Park District news

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Pirate's Buried Treasure; Arrgh! You'll about pirates and their ships that sailed the high seas. First we'll make pirate hats and eye patches. We'll have maps to search for the sweet treasure and you'll hide a "gold-nugget" for your grown up to find when they pick you up to go home. Pirates never had as much fun! The class is on Thursday, March 2nd from 9:30-11am. Children need to be 4-6 years old to participate. The fee is $11 for residents and $15 non-residents.

Want to retire early? Many people would like to retire tomorrow. That may or may not be possible, depending on what you have done so far to plan for your retirement. Will you have enough? Whether you are 30,40, 50 or older, this financial workshop will give you specific strategies to help you reach your retirement goals. The workshop is on Tuesday, March 14th from 7:30-8:30pm. The workshop is free but registration is needed. Call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-20070.

Brother Rice students say farewell

Brother Rice high school students and Principal James Antos presented teacher Gus Sundermeier with a framed memento of their appreciation upon his departure from the school. A lithograph of Brother Rice, a varsity letter and a letter of appreciation were part off the gift.

Sundermeier left Brother Rice in January to take the position city planner for the Village of Oak Lawn.

CSO announces 2006-07 season

Highlights of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's next season include a three-week residency with CSO Principal Guest Conductor Pierre Boulez with concerts Symphony Center. Twenty six internationally acclaimed guest conductors will collaborate with world renowned soloists

Wynton Marsalis & Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra join forces for Marsalis' "All Rise." The Marshall Field's Day of Music event will be held on September 16 which is very popular with many families.

The season closes in June 2007 with two choral blockbusters, Verdi's "Requiem" and Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9."

Call the Ticket Sales Department at 312-294-3000 or the toll-free n umber 800-223-7114 for additional information. Single tickets go on sale August 2006. Symphony Center is 220 S. Michigan Ave.

fifteen month old Erin O'Neill and mom, Cindy visit Rainbow Therapy Dogs Daisey and Nikki.
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Local dogs & handlers pass test

Six (6) dogs and handlers from the south side of Chicago and south Suburbs passed the AKA Good Citizens test and the Rainbow Therapy Dog test. They will prepare to begin volunteering in area schools, hospitals and residential facilities with "special needs children." In all, 44 dogs and handlers passed in the county area. Several of those newly volunteering saw the notice in your Village View News.

Congratulations go to Nancy Pruchnicki with Teddy from Chicago, Tom O'Connor with Katain and Shala of Palos Heights, Betty Ann Czekala with Cody of Chicago and Monica Neilsen with Coty of Oak Lawn (popular name). Congratulations also to Barb Carey O'Connor with Katain of Palos Heights and Mary Ramsden with Mika A Moo of Summit,.

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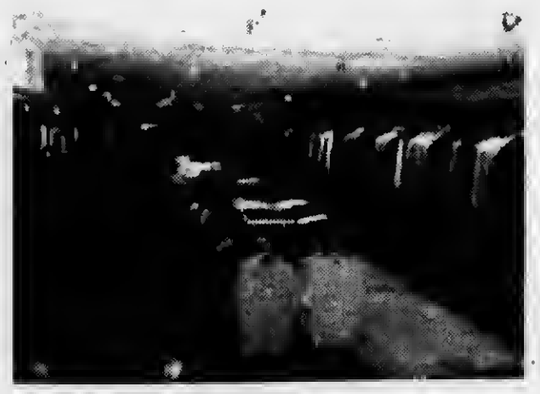

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Biograph renovation underway

by Marijo Doody

In 1914 the famous Biograph Theatre was build. It was famous because the moffia had hits their, not in the movie vein. Remember Dillingeer! My mother lived across from there and had stories. She was the hairdresser of Mrs. C. in the 20's.

Behind the scaffolds, Victory Gardens Theater has embarked on the most visible expansion project in its 32-year history. The construction of a beautiful new, $11.3 million mainstage is underway, dedicated to the enjoyment of live theater.

Victory Gardens, the Chicago number one presenter of new works will open the new 299- seat mainstage in September 2006. This is more than 90 seats increase from the current site's mainstage.

Artistic Director, Dennis Zacek and Managing Director, Marcelle McVay, along with Designer, Daniel P. Coffey of Coffey & Associates and the Board of Victory Gardens recently presented a hard-hat tour for media at the cite of the Biograph. One felt like you were in the ruins of the ancient historical world.

Mr. Coffey and the firm were responsible for the restorations of the Chicago, Palace and Oriental Theaters. The new Victory Gardens Theater will add to the Chicago's live theater scene and the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

The next phase of the construction includes pouring concrete footings, walls and trap space. Then underground plumbing and electrical will be placed. In the excavation, no empty vaults were found and no bodies. In the summer the roof will be replaced, a stage will be fashioned inside, the façade and famous marquee restored.

Artistic Director, Dennis Zacek "indicated all the progress has kept two principles, expanding the theater's ability to meet the desires of the playwrights and enhancing the theater's ability to welcome our patrons new and old."

Victory Garden's current production is "I Have Before Me a Remarkable Document Given to Me by a Young Lady from Rwanda." It is a blockbuster and should not be missed. It runs through March 5. Call the box office for tickets at 773-871-3000.

ABT returns to Chicago

The American Ballet Theatre returns to Chicago with dual delights including the Chicago premiere of "La Corsaire" and a gala opening night of mixed programming. The productions will be at the Civic Opera House, 20 North Wacker Drive from March 29 to April 2, 2006.

"La Corsaire" will have five performances. It is an exotic Turkish fable of a dashing pirate's love for a beautiful harem girl. It is considered the perfect platform for daring and explosive dance. "La Corsaire" was first staged for ABT in 1998 and filmed for PBS in 1999.

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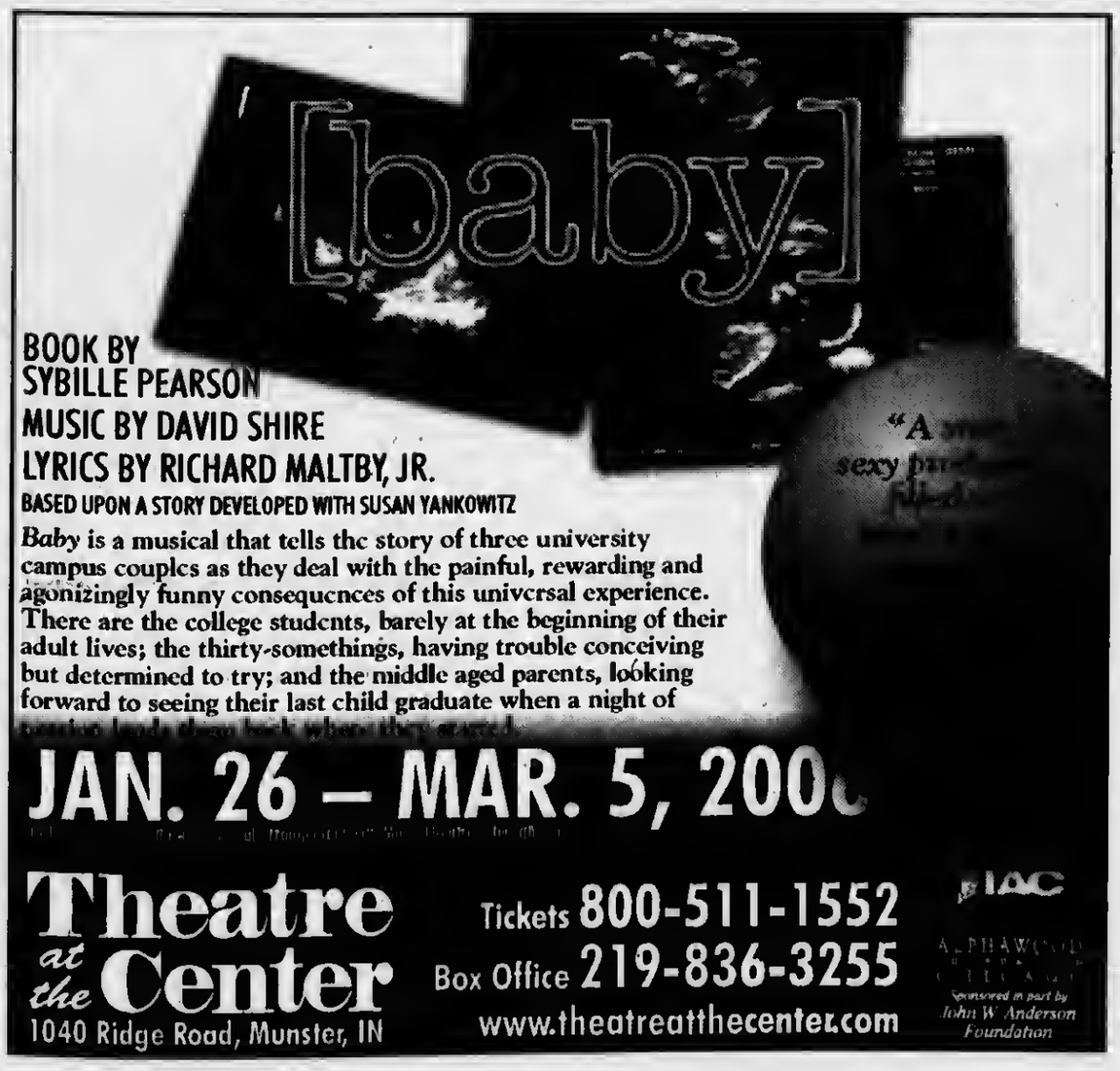

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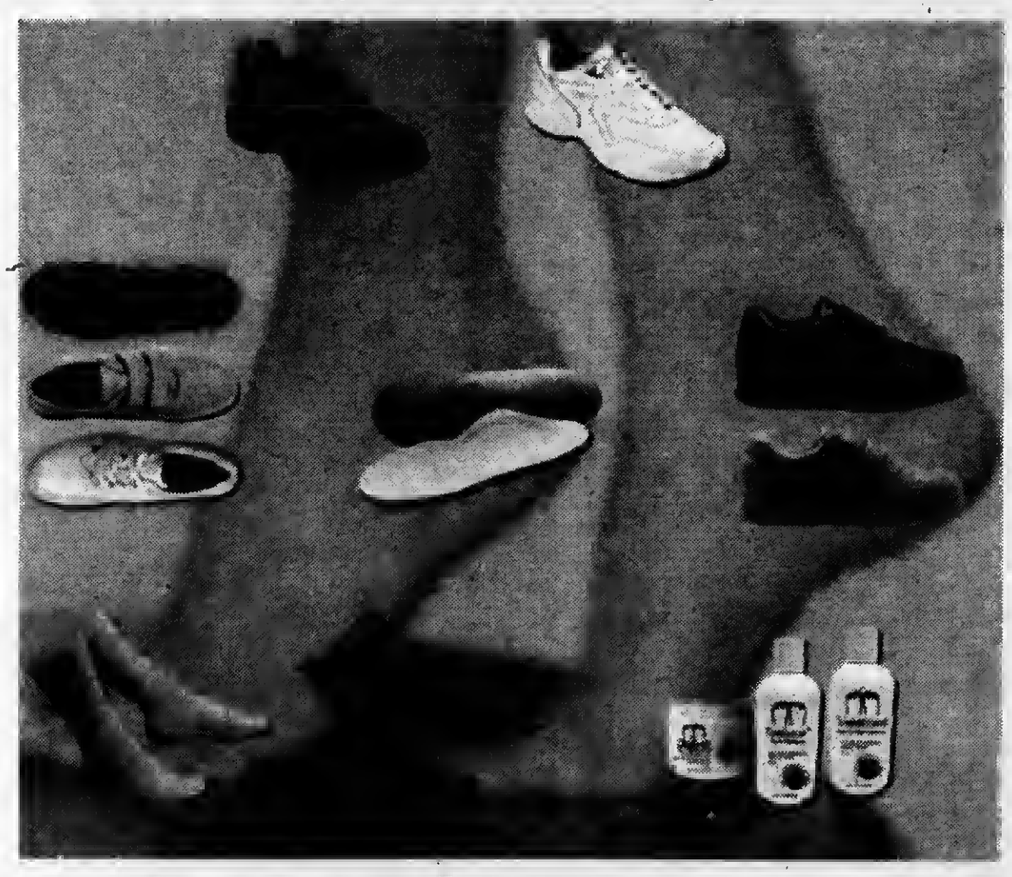

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Oak Forest Alderman receives proclamation award

by Matt Mayer

Fourth Ward Alderman Carol Scozio, who had announced her retirement at the previous city council meeting due to health constraints, received a proclamation at the Feb. 14 Oak Forest City Council meeting. Scozio is also an Oak Forest Park District employee and is on medical leave; she hopes to eventually to her position at the Park District.

The city council approved an ordinance for a rear yard set back variance at 14906 Park Ave. as well as an ordinance for a subdivision special use permit for 15153 S. Harlem Ave. A public work request to pay Alpha Construction for estimate four and five from 2006 MFT road maintenance program was approved as well as an agreement with Crowe Chizek and Company for auditing services. A contract was awarded to Advance Communications for upgrades sound system in the council cambers and the Blue Room. No costs were discussed. The next meeting is Feb. 28.

Orland Park approves water system upgrade

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the expenditure of $1.6 million at the Feb. 6 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting for the improvement of the village water system. The village purchases its water from Oak Lawn; this amount was agreed by both villages and will be paid over a time period. Village residents are not expected to see an increase in their water bills. The monies are expected to be covered in the village's original construction fee.

The project is expected to improve the Harker Pumping Station, Oak Lawn's main water pumping station, as well as a pumping station in Country Club Hills. An additional pumping station will be constructed in Tinley Park. The system provides water to 12 suburbs as well as Oak Lawn. The following suburbs thus far that have agreed to share the cost of the project by paying the following amounts: Tinley Park $1.1 million, New Lenox $500,000, Matteson $632,500 and Mokena $400,000. The project is slated to be completed by summer and presumed to be adequate through 2011. The board approved an ordinance amendment to the village's boundary agreement with Homer Glen, which will allow three-one acre lots to be annexed into Homer Glen's planned 17-acre Hidden Cove subdivision to be located between 167th and 159th Streets. The three lots to be annexed are in Cook County just west of Will -Cook Road, one of the boundary lines. This change is due to a recent request received from Homer Glen officials asking Orland Park officials to redraw the boundary so Homer Glen could incorporate these lots and avert any confusion as to which municipality would serve this small portion of the development, which will have access only from the west.

Wearing safety goggles and swinging sledge hammers, Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin (left) and Village Trustees Kathy Fenton, Bernie Murphy, Pat Gira and Ed Schussler ceremoniously began the transformation of a former carpet and tile warehouse to the new Orland Park Police Department Headquarters

Orland Park "Breaks Blocks" for New Police Facility

Transformation of Carpet & Tile Store to Police Headquarters Begins

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS – A new era for the Orland Park Police Department began with the swing of sledge hammers into stacked cinder blocks. On Wednesday, February 15, Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin and members of the Board of Trustees ceremoniously began construction of the new police station for the village's nearly 200 sworn and civilian police personnel.

Located at 15100 South Ravinia Avenue, in a former carpeting and tile store, the new facility has been designed to meet the growing demands of the Orland Park community. Once completed, the new Orland Park Police Headquarters will total approximately 63,000 square feet.

The Orland Park Board of Trustees has approved the "green" design of the facility with the project being designed to obtain leadership, energy and environmental design (LEED) certification from the United States Building Counsel.

Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin is credited with first proposing the former carpet and tile facility's transformation into a new headquarters for the Orland Park Police Department.

"Going 'green' is the right thing to do," the mayor said during the ceremony. "LEED certified buildings create healthier workplaces, conserve energy and protect the environment," McLaughlin noted.

Explaining the "green" concept, Village Trustee Edward Schussler, chairman of the village's Police Committee and part of the new facility planning committee, said, "The LEED design evaluates buildings in five categories, water efficiency, indoor air quality, sustainable sites, energy and atmosphere; and materials."

"With the rapid growth of the village over the past twenty years, it became apparent that a new station was needed to address not only today's needs but also to address the future growth of the village and the department," said Orland Park Police Chief Tim McCarthy.

McCarthy continued, "I believe that the mayor and trustees have made a wise financial decision to build this station to accommodate all future growth and to do it in an environmentally friendly fashion with the green building concept. We will see a return on our investment for many years in savings generated by energy efficiency, water efficiency and other environmentally friendly concepts."

"The men and women of the Orland Park Police Department appreciate this investment and look forward to the day we move in," the chief added.

The architect for the project is Sente, Rubel, Bosman and Lee and the construction manager is the George Sollitt Construction Company.

The Orland Park Police Headquarters will be the first LEED certified building in Orland Park. McLaughlin added, "We hope that our having the first LEED certified building in the community sets an example for future construction in Orland Park."

According to the schedule set by the village, construction is to be completed in January, 2007.

Sneak preview of tot time program inTinley

Tinley Park, Illinois, February 8, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District will host a second Sneak Preview of our Tot Time preschool program. Anyone who would like to visit the preschool facilities and obtain information about the Tot Time Preschool Program for the 2006 – 2007 school year is welcome to attend. The preview is scheduled for Sunday, February 26th from 12:00 – 1:30 pm at the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, and the Vogt Woods Building, 6527 W. 171st Street.

Registration is not required for the Sneak Preview.

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Worth creates deputy police chief position

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the creation of a Deputy Police Chief position at the Feb. 7, Worth Board of Trustees meeting. This position has not existed since 2001 when Police Chief Pat O'Connor took command. The purpose of the reimplementation of this position is to have someone trained in administration to establish a clear chain of command between the Police Chief and the Sergeants especially when the Police Chief is not available.

An ordinance regarding the vacation of property located on the north side of Crandall Ave adjacent 6856 on the west and 6910 on east sides was approved as well as an ordinance approving a lot frontage and lot size variation at 11440 S. Nashville Ave. A resolution. request appropriating $275,000 from the Motor Fuel Tax fund for the maintenance of streets for calendar year January 1 to December 31, 2006 was approved as well as a resolution authorizing an application to the Southwest Conference of Mayors for the funding of the Oak Park street lighting project.

The board approved the following expenditures for Worth Days. Contracts were approved with Magnificent Events for the Band Arra for $2,500.00, Fabulous Janes for $2,800.00. Libido Funk Circus/Members only for $1,500.00 and Kimi Hayes for $1,000.00. A contract with Wilson Rental for a food tent for $4,897.20 and port a potties for $2,696.00 was also approved as well as an expenditure of $2,500.00 for a Children's Stage.

Tag days for the Knights of Columbus to solicit on Sept 15 and 16 at 111th and Ridgeland Ave only was approved as well as request from the Salvation Army for their Tag Days on June 2 and 3 and November 17 thru December 24th. An expenditure for the Boy Scouts for $35.00 was also approved.

Training Center to meet community needs

Moraine Valley's proposed new Instructional and Job Training Center will be a diverse resource for students, employees and management from local businesses, active retirees, community members, and children to participate in a variety of activities and programs.

Residents will be able to benefit from the Active Retiree Program, the Valley Learning Center, and other community service programs. The Active Retiree Program offers a variety of programs for older residents such as painting and using a computer and provides them with important information about insurance and taxes. The Valley Learning Center offers academic and creative programs for children ages 4 and up to pursue their interests through classes and workshops. There is also a wide-range of noncredit personal development classes.

"The Instructional and Job Training Center is a place for valuable real-life learning no matter where you are in life," said Dr. Patricia Bauhs, vice president for Institutional Advancement.

The college also is committed to fostering the community's economic growth and development and to enhance local businesses' efficiency and effectiveness, which impacts their bottom lines and translates into more jobs. For example, Workforce Development helped create and retain 1,544 jobs and generate $53 million in contracts during 2004, but the college currently is limited in serving businesses' other physical needs such as meeting and training facilities.

"A better educated workforce and public positively impact the community's well-being," said Dr. Michael Colky, dean of Workforce Development and Community Services. "The new building will infuse the latest in workforce systems and technology and provide a window into the future of workforces to help businesses compete in the global marketplace."

To continue providing a quality learning and training environment, the college has placed a bond referendum on the March 21 ballot. The proposal will allow the college to build, equip, alter and repair buildings including additional facilities for computer technology upgrades, job training and retraining programs, new and improved science and other instructional facilities, and additional facilities for student services, including child care, and issue $89 million in bonds to pay for the projects. Approval of the referendum would mean an additional $5 per month investment for an owner of a $200,000 home.

The Instructional and Job Training Center will include a full-scale business/corporate meeting center for large conferences or job training sessions. Companies hosting meetings at the center will have access to meeting rooms, workshop breakout rooms, food service, support services such as copying and faxing, and meeting planning and program presentation assistance.

The center will provide job training skills to currently enrolled credit students as a site for academic internships. Students in the Travel & Tourism career program will get hands-on experience in planning and running meetings while Restaurant/Hotel Management and Culinary Arts students will operate the food service, and students in the Business program will learn firsthand about sales and marketing.

State of Illinois remembers General Pulaski

The public is invited to celebrate Pulaski Day on Monday, March 6, 2006 at 10am at the polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue. The presence of the Governor of Illinois, Mayor Daley and distinguished leaders is anticipated as well as leaders of Polonia. A short program of speakers will take place, followed by entertainment. Admission is free.

General Casmir Pulaski is recognized as the "Father of the American Cavalry." In 1777, he greatly distinguished himself leading a daring attack against the British, thereby saving a retreating American Army.

General Washington made him a Brigadier General and the first Commander of the American Cavalry. He established the Pulaski Legion and it was instrumental in saving the City of Charleston, South Carolina in 1779. He died at the age of 32 in October 1779 in Savanna, Ga. He was reinterred in a special ceremony in 2005 in Savanna, Georgia in a crypt at the Pulaski Monument.

Chicago Ridge approves wireless ordinance

by Matt Mayer

A community development block grant (GDBG) hearing was held prior to the Feb. 6, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Village consultant Rudy Vassar has requested the maximum allowable amount of $300,000 for this years development projects. Fewer funds are being allocated through the GDBG. Vassar estimates that the village will receive half the requested amount given the CDBG has fewer funds to disperse. A second required meeting will be held on Feb. 21

The board approved a business license request for Cavalini's Men's Clothing as well as a licensee for Hot Collections back dated to the stores opening date of Dec 15. Both businesses are located in the mall. A wireless communications tower ordinance, which pertains to the installation and removal of telecommunication towers and includes a provision for an abatement bond fee of $10,000, was also approved as well as a police department request to allow Sgt. Tom Herman to attend Northwestern University for a staff and command-training course for $3,000. A mutual aid helicopter contribution of $1,000, which will be obtained from the narcotics forfeiture fund and donated to the Illinois Regional Air Support Service, was also approved. This contribution allows the police department to utilize the services of the helicopter if needed.

The board approved the following solicitation requests: Girl Scout Week, March 12-18;Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, September 15 and 16; Salvation Army Donut Days, June 2nd and 3rd and Christmas Kettles from Nov 17 to Dec 24.

News from Chicago Ridge Library

Don't go to Rio or New Orleans for Mardi Gras this year. It's Mardi Gras at the Ridge, Chicago Ridge Public Library that is. The celebration will take place on Saturday, February 25 at 2pm. Come for fun and games! The Mardi Gras event is for children ages 3-13.(Ages 3-10 must be accompanied by an adult.)
Please register at the Youth Services department. For more information contact the library at 708-423-7753 and ask for Constance Van Swol, Youth Service Librarian. The Chicago Ridge Public library is 10400 S. Oxford Ave.

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Retiring Oak Lawn Police Chief Honored

by Matt Mayer

Mayor Dave Heilmann read a proclamation for retiring Police Chief Robert Smith at the Feb 28, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. It read in part that Robert Smith began his career with the police department in 1974 as a parole officer assigned to the evidence technician unit. In 1980 Smith was promoted to the detective division and in 1988 he was promoted to the rank of detective Sergeant as well as a member of the hostage negotiating team. During this period he received the United States Secret Service award. In 1992 he was promoted to detective lieutenant and attended the prestigious FBI's National academy. In 1993 he received the Cook County Sheriff's Metal of Honor award and was also promoted to the Chief of Detectives and in 2002 he was promoted to Chief of Police. Heilmann said he was privileged to honor Smith for his 31 and half years of service to the village.

Village Clerk Jane Quinlan said, "My first 10 months in Oak Lawn wouldn't have been what they were without Bob. In public relations Bob you're going to be a tough act to beat". Several police officers praised Smith as well as Trustees, residents and business owners in attendance. Bill Villanova, who is one the police department's three division chiefs, will temporarily replace Smith.

Heilmann also presented a proclamation to Alice Collins which read in part that she has been a faithful citizen of the village since 1962 and has been writing "Cookies and Chaos" as well as "Love and Leftover" for the past twenty five years. She has used her journalistic skills to champion the giving of food, collection of toys, and the raising of money for the less fortunate over the past twenty-five years. She continues to use her newspaper columns to collect donations for our servicemen and woman risking their lives oversees.

Police Chief Bob Smith presented the Medal of Valor award to Sgt. Ross Finnelly, Ofc. Peter Hennessy and Ofc. Bonnie Huff for their bravery and courage when they responded to a disturbance in February. The woman said when she returned home her husband was home and fled the scene just prior to their arrival. At that time four adults ran out, screaming that the house was on fire, at which time the officers entered the house, which was engulfed in smoke and found a baby sleeping. The baby was removed and the baby's life was saved with no ill effects. Early voting in the clerk's office which began Feb. 27, will continue through March 16. Absentee in person voting will take place March 20 - 21 also in the clerk's office.

Oak Lawn Park District "Cats" sells out

The current Oak Lawn Park District production of "Cats" reportedly is sold out. The show production staff includes Paul Nirchi (producer/director), Josie Nirchi (assistant director), Brad Kisner (assistant director), Tom Fagan (Choreographer) Diane Madden, (music director), Bill Hansen (conductor)and Gil Oliva(set and lighting design).

Call the OLPD for any turned in tickets at 708-857-2200 for March 9th thru 12.

Oak Lawn Park District Casting for Titanic

The OLPD has announced a casting call for the June production of Titanic. Auditions will be held on March 19 from 1 to 5pm and March 20 from 7:30-10:30pm.

Auditions take place at the Oak View Center at 4625 W. 110th St. in Oak Lawn. Come prepared to dance and sing. Mayor Dave Heilmann will be the producer. Tickets are now available.

Evergreen Park approves vacating a portion of 96th St

by Matt Mayer

A public hearing preceded the Feb. 20 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting.

Whereas Mayor Jim Sexton and Trustees acted as a zoning committee for the village to amend a portion of the municipal code regarding zoning. and deviations in residential districts. Upon completion of the hearing, the board approved the ordinance amending a section of the zoning code regarding nursing and personal care facilities. By approving this change, the village will be in compliance with US Justice Department, which prohibits facilities from admitting anyone with a mental illness. The board also approved a section of the code referring to administration deviations by adding a $750.00 in residential districts so as a petitioner may have a hearing with the Building Commissioner rather that the Zoning Board, since the Building Commissioner has certain rights and powers other that of the Zoning Board.

The board unanimously approved an ordinance to vacate a portion of 96th St, west of Kedzie Ave, for an addition to Chi Tung Restaurant. The vacated space is 20 by 112 feet.

Architect Craig Podalak outlined the 1800 square foot addition, that will consist of six additional tables, which will seat eight and will include an area were the chef will prepare meals at the tables. There will also be a reconfigured entrance due to a wind factor and renovated restrooms.

A resident of 96th said even though resident-only signs were posted. parking problems still remain. Employees continue to park in front of her and her neighbor's homes for 12 hours at a time, resulting in unavailable parking for residents. She said she didn't mind customers parking on the street because it's not for a lengthy time.

The resident was instructed that the only way the residential parking could be enforced is to obtain a petition with enough signatures for Permit Park only for residents and guest of residents. Then the police may ticket and tow the vehicles not in compliance. Mayor Sexton also told Dan Zhao that he would need to get employees to park where they are required to park.

Roadside Safety Check

The Oak Lawn Police Department in partner with the Illinois State Police will conduct a Roadside Safety Check on Sunday, March 12. This check will take place in the area of 111th and Cicero Avenue, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

For more information, please contact Division Chief Roger Pawlowski at 708/499-7727.

Oak Lawn Library has community display cases

The Oak Lawn Public Library has two- community display cases that may be reserved for one calendar month by individuals, local community groups and organizations interested in exhibiting special collections, handicrafts, activities and creative works.

The Oak Lawn Library is now accepting reservations for months starting in summer 2006 through the entire year 2007. Pick up an application at the library's Reception Desk.

For more data call Linda Olson, public relations officer, 708-422-4990.

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St. Xavier Concert Band at BAC

Erik Jamers and the St. Xavier University Concert Band will perform on Thursday, March 9 at 7:30pm at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W 111th St. The concert should provide an evening of enjoyment for all ages.

Admission is $10 for adults and $8 seniors and visiting students. Admission is free for St. Xavier students, faculty and staff with a valid university ID. For information on St. Xavier University music Department call 773-298-3421.

March 21 is our Spring Home Improvement. Call 708-423-9754

Burbank Park District news

Mom & Dad's night out: Make your reservation for Friday, March 10! It's date time. There will be structured activities, games, movies, snacks and pizza. Drop the kids off at Newcastle Park Recreation Center at 6:30pm and pick them up at midnight. The children need to be 3-10 years old. Fee is $14 for the 1st child and $10 each added child. The children need to be potty trained.

Movie Time: Join the Park District for a free movie and popcorn on Tuesday, March 14th. This is free for Burbank residents who are 55 and older. Movie time is 12-2pm. Call to register and see what movie is presented. The Burbank Park District number is 708-599-2063. The address is 8050 South Newcastle Ave.

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Holliday addresses Oak Lawn Kiwanis

James "Doc" Holliday, Chief Deputy Clerk of the 6th District, Markham, within the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Dorothy Brown, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis,, Thursday, March 9 at 7pm, following a 6:30 pm dinner at Old Barn Restaurant, located at 8100 S. Parkside in Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that Holliday will discuss the workings of the Clerk's office and services provided for Cook County residents.

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Army hometown news

Army Reserve Pfc. Daniel L. Sullivan has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Leo and Mary Lou Wovosel of LaPorte Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. The private is a 2001 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn.

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Senator Maloney Honored

Senator Edward D. Maloney of Chicago was presented with the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) "2005 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award" at the organization's annual conference on January 27th in Chicago.

Senator Maloney was nominated for the award by his constituent park districts and the IAPD Board of Trustees.

"The association's legislative successes in 2005 would not have been possible without his leadership," said Dr. Ted Flickinger, IAPD's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are grateful for his support of park districts and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Illinois."

Senator Maloney earned this honor for his support of legislation benefiting park districts and the people they serve. Senator Maloney has been a strong supporter of funding recreational opportunities for the disabled and has fought for continued funding for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development program.

The "2005 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award" was presented at IAPD's annual conference, attended by more than 4,200 park and recreation elected officials and professionals at the Hilton Chicago.

IAPD is a nonprofit service, research and educational organization established to advance park districts, forest preserves, conservation and recreation agencies in their ability to preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

Marie (Mary) Gorman passes

Marie (Mary Margaret) Gorman who called for 50 years Mount Greenwood home passed away last week. Marie not only was a mother of four sons, but also was an activist dedicated to volunteering at schools and elsewhere in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Gorman was active in politics and influential in the election of two daughters-in-law to public office. Her son Gerald, former owner of Midlothian Dodge and Chrysler indicated "She always wanted to see a better world, with love, humility and kindness and she loved God, her church and family." Marie's other sons are Robert and Jim.

Marie's daughter-in-law Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joyce Murphy Gorman indicated "she was a woman of extreme grace and dignity." Marie leaves 11 grandchildren. They were blessed! Farewell!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have recently become aware that there is a movement afoot in Palos Hills which I find rather alarming. A referendum will appear on the ballot in the March primary election that calls for the reduction by half of the City Council. Taken at face value, this may not seem to be a bad idea. Upon reflection on the implications of such an event, however, it would seem to be a very bad idea, indeed.

At present, there are five wards in Palos Hills, each represented by two aldermen. Since the position of alderman is a part-time one - nearly all of them have a day job - it is difficult to imagine that any one alderman could do a job that currently requites the time and expertise of two aldermen.

Even more disturbing is the idea of a narrower perspective on the City Council. While the ten members of the current City Council do not always agree on every issue, they manage, through civilized debate, to reach a consensus, and there are enough of them to bring a broad perspective to the issue in question. Were there only five aldermen, the perspective, in my opinion, would be too narrow.

In addition, people do get sick, go on vacation, or have family emergencies that require them to be absent. Were this to happen, no doubt, many City Council meetings would have to be canceled, often at the last minute, for want of a quorum. Even if there were a quorum, I find it alarming that three people would be regarded as being enough to make important decisions that would affect us all.

Finally, I am disappointed that Mayor Bennett and the current members of the City Council do not appear to be taking this matter seriously enough to educate the residents of Palos Hills about the implications of cutting the City Council in half. If the referendum were to pass, it could spell disaster for the functioning of our local government and, as a result, for the residents of Palos Hills.

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The Hongs collected medicine from various organizations including King Benevolent Fund and MAP International. Ms. Julie Servatius works for Ty. Inc. and graciously donated more than 100 Beanie Babies stuffed animals for the Hongs to distribute. Dr. Hong indicated they were the first toys the children owned.

The Hongs have embarked on many medical missions and are touched by each person they meet. His colleagues applaud the tireless efforts used to improve access to medical care throughout the world.

Dr Hong is a board-certified radiologist at LCM with board certification in nuclear medicine. He is part of The Diagnostic Imaging department and his role is vital to Little Company Healthcare.

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The five Big Es are reshaping the world: the Empire is peaking out; there's an Exodus of money and power from West to East; the Economic cycle has turned against us; the Experimental money system - with no gold backing - is doomed; and the days of cheap Energy are over. So what? What do you do?

As we wrote a few days ago, we doubt that these big trends are easily tradable. You can't buy stocks in China and relax. Nor can you be sure that energy stocks are not already overpriced. And as for the stock market itself, yes it is bound to turn down. But when? And how? It could be that stock prices remain nominally stable for the next 10 years, while inflation lowers real stock values.

Probably the surest trend is the rise of gold and yet, even gold is not guaranteed to follow any known time schedule. In fact, gold is in "correction" mode right now, or should be. The price could fall to $500, before beginning the next big move upward.

So what do you do?

First, lower expectations. Forget about trying to stay young forever...and forget about making money from your investments. The whole idea is a bit of a fraud anyway. Why should you get richer without working? The best you should hope for is to earn a reasonable amount for allowing someone else to use your savings. You are giving up something: current enjoyment. You deserve to get something in return. Over the last 200 years, the real return from lending savings has been between 3% and 6%. If you are able get that kind of return, you should take it happily.

The trouble is, government notes and bonds don't give you that much. After inflation and taxes, the net return is negative - no matter how far out you go. What's worse, the rising price of gold signals that the currency itself is in jeopardy. If gold were to go to $1,000 an ounce, you would lose more than half the value of your T-note (measured in gold). A fall in the dollar against other currencies could produce similar losses (though they might be more difficult to measure or understand).

Lower your expectations. Forget about building wealth. In these circumstances, the best you can hope for is that you will be able to prevent anything from knocking down the wealth you have already built. One way to do that is by buying things you like with value that is not subject to change. A house you enjoy, for example. Don't worry about selling it. Don't think about refinancing it. Don't even ask how much the neighbors got for their house down the street. Just buy it; enjoy it. Let it go at that.

Likewise, a business - not a stock - can be a decent thing to own. You must understand it and like it. If you do, you can forget about going public...or about selling it. Upon being asked being asked about what a normal life consisted of, Freud allegedly purports: love and work. A business of your own can provide you with the work - and income - you need.

There are also many "assets" that bring pleasure to their owners beyond capital gains: paintings, boats, farms, jewelry, vacation houses, cars, collectibles. Just don't expect to be able to resell at higher prices. On the other hand, many of these things are rare and irreproducible. If wealth really is migrating from West to East, it is possible that these things will migrate, too - at higher prices. We have heard of Chinese and Japanese entrepreneurs buying French châteaux, and then dismantling them, stone by stone, in order to rebuild them in Asia. Increasingly, great works of art are sold to bidders from the Orient. Indian billionaires are building fabulous collections of cars, planes...even locomotives.

Of course, you will need cash to pay expenses. Not knowing the future, all we can suggest is that you keep your cash as safe as possible, so that the future does not steal it from you. Put some in foreign currency CDs, for example, and put some in gold. If there is one big winner as the Big Es evolve, it is likely to be gold. The Big Es are big changes, and big changes come with big risks. When people feel threatened they tend to turn to God, guns and gold. All three might be useful, or even necessary. Gold is likely to be profitable, too.

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New e-mail identity theft scam reported

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan warns of a new scam requesting customers' personal and financial information popping up in e-mail inboxes and indicates do not give out their Social Security (SS) information or bank account numbers if they receive the unsolicited mail.

Madigan's Consumer Protection Division has received reports from federal officials that a new e-mail scam is circulating falsely informing the recipient " that someone illegally is using your SS number and assuming your identity." It directs the recipient to a phony Web site designed to look like an official Social Security web site. "These are copy-cat Web tools to trick consumers into divulging their personal information and Internet users should be wary of online solicitations" said Madigan. The Theft Hotline number is 1-866-999-5630, please report any calls you have received regarding this matter.

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 7, 2006: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* and this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy Birthday Mike & Kent Hansen, Carolyn Grulke*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Speak up for your needs whether this be to your mate, your boss, children or friends. Someone H and B aid in money matters.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Do not turn your back on the next opportunity that seems to come out of nowhere into the "now here." D and T involved. Travel.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Be aware of two things this week, "miracles and loving." E and M could become your best allies in a money making project.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is not the best time to approach people for money loans or special favours. But F and/or a B may help if asked.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Sometimes one never gets the explanation of "why" this or that happens for the good so, just be thankful for it. J aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: The answers for "why" negative things are happening at work or home may be that you are too distant! M can help.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If someone demands that you make their decisions when you know that they can do it, decline immediately! G and P involved.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You have the sense of "knowing" this week in many aspects of your life and what needs doing! K or C can help.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Love is still out there waiting for you to find it, embrace it and cherish it. B and K may be involved in this scenario.

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Sometimes people just "know" something and cannot explain why they do. It could link with the unknown gifts we are all born with, such as a good "intuition" or having "psychic ability." Whatever it is, the "knowing" seems to come when most needed, especially when it is used to help others, and is appreciated by it's host. Jeannie R said, "when I need information on just about anything, it comes to me." Bill T tells of having something like a daydream about someone or something and then whatever was in the "dream" comes true. Sara's grandma told her to "listen" to her sixth sense because it always knows what to do [the sixth sense "is" the knowing!]. I recently met a man named Tony who told me that he gets a "lull" in his thinking just before a brainstorm causes him to get an answer to some question that needs an answer. As for me, I just seem to "know" what needs to be solved or the answer to a question. Everything has an aura, a sound of it's own or a solution if it is sought out with a sincere desire. Even colours vibrate answers.

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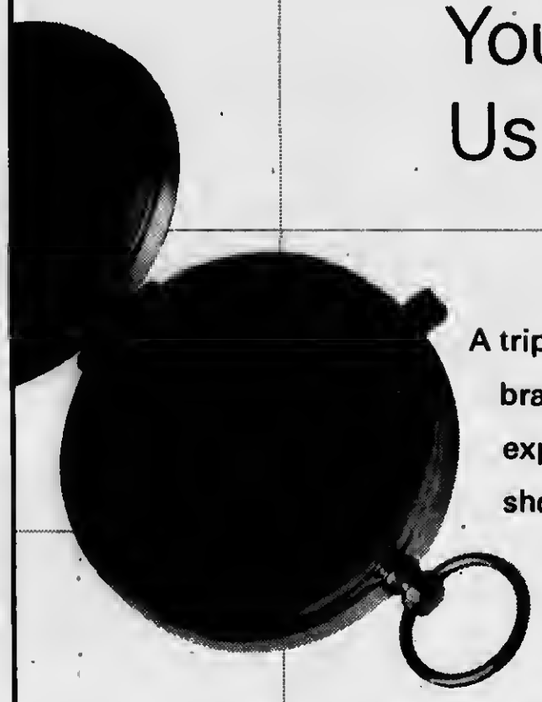

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Tickets available at church office Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9:00 AM and noon, Saturday 10 AM to 1:00 PM, Sunday between 11 AM and Noon. Deadline March 15.

No reserved tickets or tickets at the door. For information call Vern Sommer at 708-424-7259.

Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Houlihan, Margaret M. "Peggy" (nee Conboy), passed away on March 1, 2006, unable to hold out for that promised organ. God only knows why and when it's our time to be with him. Peg, known to many people, was such an energetic person, with a loving personality and disposition. She knew she was dying and yet still maintained her sense of humor and love for each moment of breath she would inhale. She died in Florida being with Jack, Kathleen, Jimmy and the grandchildren.

Her loving husband, who she idolized, is Jack Houlihan and everyone knew Jack and Peg, together started the Houlihan'Irish Hutches.

What people may not know is Peg grew up in St. Leo Parish, where she went to grammar school. In 1953, she graduated from Loretto Englewood High School, got married at St. Brendan and had nine children. But that didn't stop Peg from being ambitious. She always volunteered with cakes and goodies for the children's classrooms and later volunteered to be on committees and even became an officer of the mother's club.

My husband and I met Peg and Jack in the late 60's, before we moved to Oak Lawn. When we got involved in the great St. Gerald days, we only got closer as couples. Anyone who knew Jack and Peg also knew them through volunteering at St. Gerald Parish or later in their life at the "the Houlihan Irish Hutches." Even though most of the children helped in the Kiosks, Mary Jo Houlihan Delles would be the person most would meet.

Kathleen, Susan, Jimmy and possibly Maureen while teenagers all worked at Freshline Store in Oak Lawn. Margaret, the oldest of the nine, was in college when we started to associate more frequently with the Houlihans. Bridget and Elizabeth were in school together at the same time my son, Lance was there. We would see them frequently in band and other extra curricular activities. We also remember the late arrival, Jeannie, when she helped out in the Houlihan Irish Store in Chicago Ridge.

As I saw a poem at the wake, stating that their daughter, Elizabeth has paved the way into heaven for Peg and others, I am sure that my husband, who Peg called Ralph, will be laughing it up along with Jim Gates and others.

The wake was Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5th and the Funeral was March 6 at St. Gerald Church.

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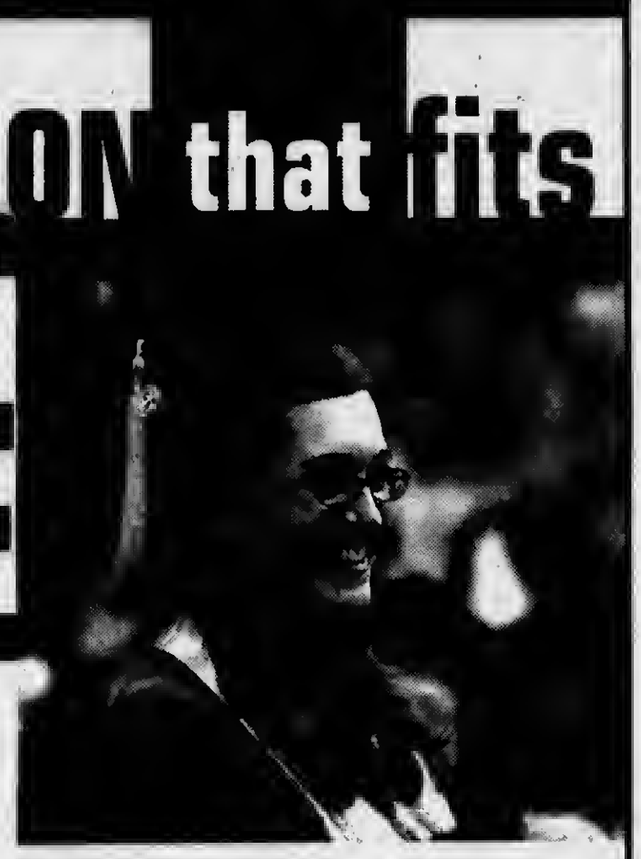

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Cost is $15 per person. Traditional food is served with draft beer and pop. Music is by DJ Mike.

Call 708-636-3220 for tickets, or come to the Post and see an officer or canteen bartender.

The McDonald-Linn VFW is also hosting a French toast breakfast from 8am to 1pm on Sunday, March 19, 2006 at a cost of $5. The funds will go towards National Homes Children Fund. Call the number above for a reservation.

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Corn Beef & Cabbage with red current-mustard sauce

1-1/2 to 3 pounds boneless corned beef brisket
3 ribs celery, cut into 3-inch lengths
2 medium onions, cut lengthwise into quarters
3-1/2 cups water
1 pound green cabbage, cut into 3-inch wedges
1 pound red potatoes, cut into 2-inch pieces
6-8 carrots, tops trimmed, cut into thirds
½ cup water
2 tablespoons butter, melted
salt & pepper
red-currant-mustard sauce
12 ounces red currant jelly & 3 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

Place jelly in medium microwave-safe bowl. Cover & microwave on high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes or until smooth, stirring then whisk in mustard then cover, microwave on high 30 sec.

Place celery and onion in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 quart slow cooker, top with corned beef brisket.

Add corned beef seasoning packet, if included and 3-1/2 cps water. Cover and cook on high 7 hours, or on low 9-10 hours, or until fork tender. Remove brisket and cool. Discard liquid and solids.

Place cabbage, potatoes and carrots in 2-1/2 quart microwave safe casserole and add ½ cup water. Cover and microwave on high 15 minutes, or until vegies are tender, stirring once. Drain, add butter and salt and pepper as desired, toss to coat.

Carve brisket diagonally into thin slices and serve with vegetables and red-currant-mustard sauce. Garnish with chopped parsley, if desired.

To cook on stovetop, bring corned beef, seasoning, onions, celery and water to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until fork-tender about 3 hours. Prepare vegetables as directed above.

If corned beef does not come with seasoning packet, substitute 1 tsp whole black pepercorn and 1 bay leaf.

Spanish Rice & Beef Soup

1 pound beef cubed steaks
2 tbsp butter
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 package Spanish rice mix
5 cps water
1 can (14-1/2 oz) chili-seasoned diced tomatoes, undrained
chopped fresh cilantro (optional)

Cut beef steaks lengthwise in 1 inch strips and crosswise into 1 inch pieces.

In Dutch oven, heat butter over medium-high heat until melted. Add beef and garlic; stir-fry 2-3 minutes until outside surface no longer pink. Remove beef from pan. Season with 2 tsp seasoning mix from rice mix.

In same pan, combine rice mix, and remaining seasoning packet, water and tomatoes and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover tightly and simmer 15-17 minutes or until rice is tender.

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THE SURPRISE PARTY

by Kathy Whirity

I originally had a plan for what I wanted to write for my post 50th milestone.

A dear and funny friend of mine sent me a humuorous piece of middle age musings, which I planned on sharing with you. And then I got side tracked.

The big day arrived and, just as I expected, I did not feel one bit different. Fifty came knocking at my door and it was welcomed in. Age is just a number, right?

The day's plan had been a simple one. An early dinner with family. It was both relaxing and enjoyable. My husband and daughters promised not to make a spectacle by announcing to the waitress that it was my birthday. Thank goodness they were true to their word. But that is where it ended.

Months before the big event I had my husband promise not to throw a party. I am fairly good at planning and organizing parties, not so good at being the guest of honor.

When he assured me there would be no party I believed him - after all that sort of thing was definitely not his forte and I knew it.

I had invited my sister, Alice, and Bill's sister, Marie, over for cake and that's how I planned to enjoy my special day.

I had no reason to be suspicious when my sister's car was parked across the street from my house.

Hannah, my canine companion greeted me at the door as she always does.

But, why were the lights out in the family room when I know I left them on?

Two seconds later I found out why! Shouts of SURPRISE left me almost speechless, except for the loud shrieks of *"How did You do all this?"* that kept coming out of my mouth.

Yes, I was in shock. The look in my husband's eyes was of pure victory. He had pulled off the surprise party of my half century's existence. Bouquets of balloons boldly proclaiming the BIG 5-OH created the sparkles for this grand get-together.

I'm not a fan of being caught off-guard like I was on Saturday night, but the love that spawned the perfect plan made it a night I'll treasure forever.

It was all worth it to hear friends share how excited Bill was to execute this plan of action.

I didn't think Bill had it in him. It was no easy task since I'm home 24/7 and, up until that night, nobody could get anything passed me. Guess I can't say that anymore!

Of all my 50 years; 30 of which have been joyfully shared with my loving husband, I am learning that you are never too old to learn something new, as I learned with my sly spouse.

In the beginning of this column I wrote that I turned 50 without feeling one bit different. I have to say that I do feel different. Oh, not about being older. No matter how many candles flicker atop a birthday cake, you truly are only as old as you feel.

I feel different in the sense that with each year's chorus of Happy Birthday I have one more year's worth of being grateful for the gift of family and friends who share these memorable times. It all adds up to a meaningful life, 50 candles and all.

And, since I ran out of space, next week I'll share that piece on aging.

It's sure to bring a chuckle or perhaps a nod of recognition.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

The joy truly is in the journey. (Kathy Whirity)

Marist annual Las Vegas night

Marist Fathers' Club will hold its 41st Annual Las Vegas Night on Saturday, March 18, 2006, at Marist High School.

The event starts at 3 p.m. with bingo until 6 p.m. The event will then be open from 6 p.m. until 12 a.m. and includes popular casino games. Throughout the day, there will be pull tabs, raffles and split the pot giveaways.

Bonanza raffle tickets for a $10,000 grand prize cost $100 each and only four hundred tickets will be sold.

The cost of the event is $25 per person, which includes admission, an unlimited dinner buffet and an open bar offering beer, wine, pop and water. This event is open to the public. For more information, please call 773-881-5300, extension 7399 or visit www.marist.net.

Marist's Fathers' Club is comprised of fathers of current Marist students and alumni. The group plans several social, educational and fund-raising events each year. Marist High School in Chicago is a Catholic, college preparatory school providing young men and women with an "education for time and eternity."

Bredwell to speak at Aglow International meeting

The featured speaker for the Thursday, March 9th meeting of the Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will be Lynn Bredwell, who will instruct members on how to make crafts. The meeting will be held at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, located at 7500 S. Harlem in Bridgeview.

Lynn has been married for 37 years, had 7 children (I passed away) and has 8 grandchildren. With God's help, the Bredwells have been a home-schooled family. She has been a Christian for 23 years and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, is moving into Prophetic Ministry in their church and Prayer Ministry. Lynn's husband is also part of these ministries.

Over time, she has learned many forms of needlework; some were taught by family and friends, some by taking classes, and others were self-taught. She can sew, knit, crochet, smock, needlepoint, cross-stitch and quilt. The Lord pushed Lynn into a new direction, so she is taking a painting class in a big 'leap of faith.' Members are encouraged to bring a friend to have fun learning something new together.

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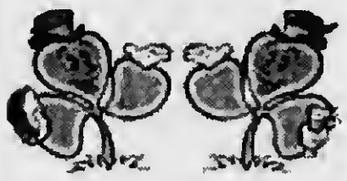

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Drury Lane Oakbrook presents Pirates

The Gilbert and Sullivan operetta "The Pirates of Penzance" will run at Drury Lane Oakbrook from March 9 to May 7, 2006. The most popular work premiered in 1879 and has received many revivals including Broadway in 1981. William Osetek directs the production.

Tickets are $22-$26 for theater. Call the box office at 630-530-0111 for reservations. Dinner packages are available. Shows are Wednesday through Sunday.

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago presents spring program

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago premieres works by former HSDC dancers Lauri Stallings and Julian Barnett, "Strokes through the Tall," a new work by Marguerite Donlon and returning works by Lucas Crandall, William Forsythe and Jiri Kylian in their spring program March 22-April 9. The programs will be held at Harris Theatre of Music and Dance.

Following its December 2005 premiere with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Irish choreographer, Marguerite Donlon's "Strokes Through the Trail" set to Mozart's Symphony #40, is filled with virtuosic dancing with a delightful hint of irreverence. The piece offers details from the classical worlds of music and ballet. The dancers personify the patterns of notes and capture the composer's wit and humor.

Two new dancers will join the main company, one returns after creating a work for the Houston Ballet (Brian Enos) and Mistaya Hemingway, from the Stuttgarten Staatstheatre in Germany. HSDC, under the direction of Artistic Director, Jim Vincent, is among the most original forces in contemporary dance. Tickets to the HSDC spring program are $20-$75. Call 866-535-4732, which is toll free, or visit www.hubbardstreetdance.com or the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance in Millennium Park, 205 E Randolph Dr.

Urinetown comes back to Chicago

The Broadway Tony-Award-winning musical hit "Urinetown the Musical" will receive its first locally produced Chicago run in an open ended engagement at Chicago's Mercury Theatre, 3745 N. Southport, beginning March 15. The innovative show pokes fun at everything from corporate greed and politics, boy-girl romance, Broadway classic and the battle of good and evil.

The cast is a blend of Broadway and Chicago artists. Co-producer and director, Tom Mullen produces "Urinetown the Musical" for the intimacy of the Mercury Theatre.

The show runs Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 & 8:30p.m. and Sunday at 5pm. For tickets contact the Mercury at 773-325-1700. They range from $35-$48.50. The Mercury is a 300-seat theater.

Lookingglass join forces with Children Choir

A Hindu spiritual epic, "Ramayana" is the work written by Sage Valmiki in Sanskirt in 300 BCE and is as popular in India today as was when it was first told. "Sita Ram" is premiered and presented by Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago. It is a collaborative venture with Chicago Children's Choir, Jaiuttal and Natya Dance Theatre. It is a multicultural operatic event.

The presentation is for three weeks beginning March 16 to April 2, 2006 at Lookingglass Theatre at the Tower Water Works, 821 North Michigan. For tickets and information call 312-337-0665.

Dance Center concludes with Antares Danza

To conclude its Latino Contempo Festival, the Dance Center of Columbia College presents the Mexico's Antares Danza Contemporanea in an American premiere. The program is March 16-18 at the Dance Center, 1306 S. Michigan Ave. Chicago at 8pm.. Antares Danza Contemporanea is based in Hermosillo Mexico. Its artistic director, Miguel Mancillas' mysterious dance theater evokes a spirit and magic of the great Sonora desert. A dialogue event with Mancillas will take place March 10, 6pm at Polvo, 1458 W 18th St.

On March 11 at the Mexican Fine Art Center Museum, located at 1852 W. 19th Street, a discussion will take place with the artistic directors on challenges of creating an artistic work.

During performance days, pre-performance talks will be available to ticket holders and on March 16 a post performance discussion with Company members will be held. Tickets are $20-24. For more information, please call 312/344-8300

The Dance Center of Colunbia College Chicago, names "Chicago's Best Dance Theatre" by Chicago magazine, is in its 32nd season as the city's leading presenter of contemporary dance.

Blue Island Public Library news

Reminder: Irish Music and Films at the Blue Island Public Library on Wednesday, March 15th at 7 p.m. Bryan Kelso Crow in concert and Irish Films at 1 p.m.. for "The Quiet Man" and "Waking Ned Devine."

Blue Island Public Library news

The Blue Island Public Library welcomes "Those Were The Days Radio Players" for an afternoon of family fun on Sunday afternoon, March 26th at 2 p.m. The troop was formed by Chicago radio host Chuck Shaden with the notion that the Golden Age of Radio should be preserved and celebrated.

The performers set up a fully equipped functional 1930's style studio and then perform two radio classics to the delight of the audience.

The performance is sponsored by the friends of the Blue Island's Library and is free of charge, but space is limited and admission is by ticket only.

The library is 2433 York and is handicapped accessible. The number is 708/388-1078 ex. 15. Ask for Dan!

Nina Simone High Priestess speaks

by Marijo Doody

A spell is cast on the audience with Yahdina O'Deen performance in The Black Ensemble Theatre's production of "Nina Simone: High Priestess Speaks" currently in an open run. This is the work in programming as the Theatre continues the Season of Women. It is a musical produced by Jackie Taylor, founder and executive of The Black Ensemble Theatre.

Singing 18 of Simone's songs and moving through her life O'Deen captures the successes, diva attitude, disappointments, her naturalness and heat. Simone had an affinity for jazz, blues and Broadway as well as classical music.

O'Deen's portrayal was with great beauty. In the second act, her Carnegie Hall success was noted as well as political aspects in the civil right period. Working with sleek arrangements and musical director Jimmy Tillman and his band, The High Priestess rules!

For tickets call 773-769-4451. The theatre is located 4520 N. Beacon.

Gaelic Park offers extended St. Patrick celebration

On March 3rd to the 17th is an extended St. Patrick celebration at Gaelic Park,located 6119 W 147th St. in Oak Forest. The phone is 708/687-9323.

Beginning at 7 p.m. on March 8-10, Irish Dancers from many schools will be featured. Schools of Dancing representatives are Jerry O'Loughlin, Katie Hughes Academy, Cross Keys, Blackbird Academy, Foy, Irish Music, Ann Lavin-Cassidy, Sullivan and O'Hare. All programming is followed by Music and Dancing with Sean O'Donnell. These activities are in the Emerald Room.

On Friday, March 10 at the Carraig Irish Pub the Katie Sullivan Band will be on stage at 9:30 p.m. Pub food is served from 5-10 p.m. There is no cover charge.

For those who want to march with Gaelic Park in the parade downtown a bus departs the Park at 10 a.m on March 11. It returns when able, following completion of their part in the parade. Also, in the Carraig Irish Pub at 5 p.m. will be The Griffins and, at 10 p.m. Billy Leathem. Food is served from 3 p.m.

On Sunday, March 12th is the Irish Mass at 9 a.m., followed by Irish breakfast. Admission is $6. Remember the South Side Parade on Western Avenue! At Gaelic Park entertainment begins at 2 p.m. on March 12th. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. The Emerald Room will have The Larkin and Moran Brothers appearing at 2 and at 5:15 p.m in Arranmore, with contemporary Irish folk music. At 7 p.m. the Irish dancers from Dennehy School appear and at 9 p.m. are the Plowboys.

In the Tara Room at 2 p.m. are Larry Nugent and Martin Doyle and at 6 p.m. onstage is Donnybrook. On the Children's Stage in the Celtic Room at 2 p.m. is the Dublin Deceptions Magic Show. At 3:30 p.m. is Bit "O" the Magic, at 5 p.m. is Shamrock Shenanigans Magic Show and at 6:30 p.m. is Celtic Conjurer. On March 12th in the Carraig Pub, performing is Joe McShane at 2 p.m. and Mulligan Stew at 7 p.m. Hot food is served in the Tara Room from 2 p.m. onward.

Irish Dancers return on Tuesday, March 14th, Wednesday March 15th and Thursday March 16th at 7pm. Schools of Irish Dance represented are Mullane Academy, Reel Academy, Weber, Shaylynn, McNamara, Mulhern, World Academy, Irish Music and Keigher. All programming is followed by Music and Dancing with Sean O'Donnell. These activities are in the Emerald Room. Hot food is served nightly in the Tara Room from 5:30pm.

Storytelling returns on Wednesday, March 15th with Batt Burns at 8pm on stage. Admission is $10.

Happy St. Patty's Day to yea one and all! MJD On March 17th the corned beef and cabbage luncheon is in the Emerald Room with doors opened at 11am Admission is $15 and lunch is served at 12noon. Music and dance is until 3pm. On Stage is Velvet Green and a show by Cross Keys School of Dance. Reservations only!

St. Patrick night is the dinner/concert with The Dave Coady Show on stage. Admission is $35. A family style dinner is served at 7pm. Make your reservations. Doors are opened at 6pm. The dinner is in the Emerald Room. In the Tara Room at 3:30 is Mulligan Stew and at 7:45, The Plowboys are on stage. Food is served from 3pm. In the Carraig Pub are Gerald Haughey at 4 and Billy Lacthem at 8pm. Lunch is served from 11am.

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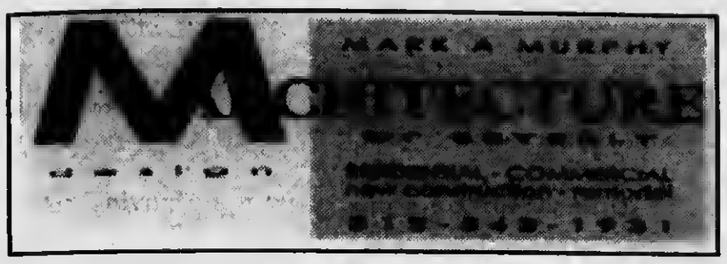

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Author Kelly James-Enger will share practical writing tips for frustrated would-be novelists on Thursday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Public Library, located at 5300 W 95th Street. It's free admission and first come, first seated in the lower level meeting room.

Kelly James-Enger is the author of six books including "Six- Figure Freelancing: The Writer's Guide to Making More Money."

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Rosypal to present at the Polish Museum America

The Polish Museum oThe Polish Museum of America, located at 984 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Chicago, is pleased to announce the fifth and last presentation in its inaugural "Lecture, Music and More" Series.

The fifth and last presentation will be held on Sunday, April 2nd in the Great Hall of the Polish Museum of America at 2:30 p.m. Kathryn Rosypal, Executive Editor of Narod Polski newspaper and the PMA newsletter, will present a lecture and slide show entitled, "First Permanent Polish Settlement at Panna Maria, Texas." Ms. Rosypal has done extensive research about this colony, written many articles surrounding the subject and personally attended the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Panna Maria, Texas in 2005. Ms. Rosypal's lecture will focus on why the Silesian groups emigrated from Poland in the 1850's, conditions in Texas when the immigrants arrived, what their lives were like during the initial years, the surprising challenges they had to overcome, and will conclude with the Polish immigrants' involvement in the American Civil War.Much of the material presented is taken from immigrants' diaries and letters written to relatives in Poland, in which they described their lives in the New World. Therefore, a realistic insight into the development of Panna Maria and nearby communities will be presented, rather than mere conjecture.

"It is the human interest stories that intrigued me the most," Rosypal said. "The early immigrants were tough, courageous, determined people. Their stories deserve to be told and retold. This is the way we pay honor to their memory."

Slides include both current structures in Panna Maria, Texas and old-time photos of some of the original settlers from the 1800s. The lecture will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served following the lecture's conclusion. Tickets cost $15 for Museum Members, $20 for non-members and $10 for students.

For more information, please call 773/782-2720, or visit www.prcua.org or www.prcua.pma.org.

Tinley Park Public Library News

Someday We'll Be Action Figures: The Youth Services Department of Tinley Park Public Library will host the next installment of "Someday We'll Be Action Figures" the library's impromptu teen improv group, from 7-8:30pm on Tuesday, March 14. Fans of the television show "Who's Line Is It Anyway?" are sure to love this. No registration required.

Tinley Park Garden Club: Dolores Foster, professor at Joliet Junior College will come to the Tinley Park Public Library on Thursday, march 16 at 1pm to discuss the new plants for gardens in 2006. The event is open to the public. Registration begins March 6.

Mysteries Solved: The Youth Services Department of Tinley Park Public Library will host "Mysteries Solved" for children ages 8-11 on Thursday, March 16 from 7-8pm. Children will get to be detectives, finding clues, solving a variety of mini mysteries and analyzing their handwriting. Registration is on now.

For more information on the above programs or to register, call the Youth Services at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

The Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7852 Timber Drive.

Oak Forest eliminates city commission

Matt Mayer

The city council at the Feb. 28, Oak Forest City Council meeting approved an ordinance to eliminate the Oak Forest Commission as a City Commission. An ordinance to amend a section of the municipal code pertaining to the Public Works Department, street division, was also approved as well as an agreement with Bavter and Woodman for a sanitary flow and inspection study - no amount was disclosed.

The city council approved a water meter change out program, which pertains to a Feb. 21, memo from the Public Works Department Director Ishler detailing this request. A request for the main pumping station master discharge meter change out was also approved as well as an agreement with Discount Tire at 5434 W. 159th ST for a temporary and permanent construction easement.

The city council approved an ordinance to issue a subdivision of Oak Forest Commons for Inland Real Estate/ Food 4 Less. An ordinance for a single use permit for day care services for the Sisters of St. Benedict was also approved as well as a request for the YMCA network to conduct a "Candy Day" fundraiser on March 31 to April 1.

"COPS & LOBSTERS"

Orland Park Police Serve to Benefit Illinois Special Olympics

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS - The public is invited to join the Orland Park Police Department and Red Lobster for the annual ***Cops & Lobsters*** **Benefit for Illinois Special Olympics** on Thursday and Friday, March 30th and 31st at the Orland Park Red Lobster, 148th and LaGrange Road. Orland Park Police personnel will be serving tables from 5:30 p.m. until closing.

The ***Cops and Lobsters*** event is held each year to raise funds that go directly to the Illinois Special Olympic program. This program enables thousand of special Olympians to participate in events around the state and to win medals and awards for their achievements.

Commemorative items such as Torch Run t-shirts, baseball caps and pins will be available for purchase to help raise funds. The Police Department encourages the public to come out to enjoy a great meal, be served by Police Department personnel and benefit a very worthy cause.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Robert Soukupof the Orland Park Police Department at 708/349-4111.

Orland to add three-acre park expansion

by Matt Mayer

Orland Park Board of Trustees approved a resolution Feb. 28 at the Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting to match a $300,000 Community Development Block Grant, which has been applied for a three-acre expansion at the Camino Real Park at 15229 El Cameno Terrance. This expansion will be added to the some 500 acres the village now has as parkland. The current park is one half acre with playground equipment for children ages 3 to 5.

If the village receives the grant, the park will undergo a complete renovation, which will include the addition of a 90- by- 250-foot open area, additional play ground equipment, and a wetland style detention pond with a surrounding walking path. The village owned property at 151 St and Ravinia Ave; the former Consolidated Tile building is 10 acres and the slated new police station will require 6 acres of the parcel. The expanded park will differ from the current village parks because 65 percent of it will have prairie plantings. This uniqueness is expected to complement the "green design" of the new police station, which will have a cistern on the roof that will collect water for irrigation, lawn and landscaping. The building will also have 16-foot high windows as well as skylights and other amenities, which will provide natural light and fresh air inside. The new station is slated to open in June 2007 and the park grant decision is expected to be made by June.

Passports Needed for Travel by Year's End

Applications and Photos Available At Orland Park Village Hall

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS - The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Act of 2004 requires that by December 31, 2006, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada have passports to re-enter the United States.

A timeline for phasing in these requirements is being reviewed and will be published once finalized. United States citizens can visit the State Department's travel website at www.travel.state.gov <http://www.travel.state.gov>.

"We're trying to get the word out now, especially for anyone planning to travel out of the country at the end of the year," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin.

"In the past, passports weren't required for these regions; however, they are now and we can process the applications and take the passport photos at the Orland Park Village Hall," the mayor said.

Passport applications and photos are available in the Mayor's Office of Special Services in Orland Park's Frederick T. Owens Village Hall, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue.

Orland Park's Special Services Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the office remaining open until 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Passport appointments may be made by calling the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 7, 2006: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* and this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy Birthday Mike & Kent Hansen, Carolyn Grulke*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Speak up for your needs whether this be to your mate, your boss, children or friends. Someone H and B aid in money matters.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Do not turn your back on the next opportunity that seems to come out of nowhere into the "now here." D and T involved. Travel.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Be aware of two things this week, "miracles and loving." E and M could become your best allies in a money making project.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is not the best time to approach people for money loans or special favours. But F and/or a B may help if asked.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Sometimes one never gets the explanation of "why" this or that happens for the good so, just be thankful for it. J aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: The answers for "why" negative things are happening at work or home may be that you are too distant! M can help.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: If someone demands that you make their decisions when you know that they can do it, decline immediately! G and P involved.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You have the sense of "knowing" this week in many aspects of your life and what needs doing! K or C can help.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Love is still out there waiting for you to find it, embrace it and cherish it. B and K may be involved in this scenario.

For information or Brochure of my Psychic Services [in office/by phone], Hypnotherapy & Psychic Counseling, or my books & tapes, call 708-597-5866. Online use *ePSYCHICanswers* for 1 or 2 questions [at *JackiMari.Com*]. *Psychic House Parties* for 5-9 people [& larger] and appearances. We're taking a break from radio...we're working on a new show.

***"One-on-One Psychic Mini-Sessions"* at *Oak Forest Bowl* [152nd & S. Cicero] Mar 6th & 20th [1st & 3rd Mon] from 7pm. *"Telefriend."* By appt & walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip on Tuesdays for all services, by appt.**

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
Knowing

Sometimes people just "know" something and cannot explain why they do. It could link with the unknown gifts we are all born with, such as a good "intuition" or having "psychic ability." Whatever it is, the "knowing" seems to come when most needed, especially when it is used to help others, and is appreciated by it's host. Jeannie R said, "when I need information on just about anything, it comes to me." Bill T tells of having something like a day-dream about someone or something and then whatever was in the "dream" comes true. Sara's grandma told her to "listen" to her sixth sense because it always knows what to do [the sixth sense "is" the knowing!]. I recently met a man named Tony who told me that he gets a "lull" in his thinking just before a brainstorm causes him to get an answer to some question that needs an answer. As for me, I just seem to "know" what needs to be solved or the answer to a question. Everything has an aura, a sound of it's own or a solution if it is sought out with a sincere desire. Even colours vibrate answers.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Bremen Polling Place Locations

On Tuesday, March 21, 2006, the polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The primary election for that part of Cook County under the jurisdiction of the Cook County Clerk David Orr will be held in each election precinct in Cook County. Voting will be conducted at the following polling places for each of the aforesaid election precincts selected by the Cook County Clerk. Locations are subject to change as necessity requires. All locations listed are wheelchair accessible.

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001	Blue Island Recreation Center- 2805 W. 141st Street, Blue Island
002	Morton Gingerwood School- 16936 S. Forest Avenue, Oak Forest
003	Fulton Commons- 18100 S. 66th Court, Tinley Park
004	Oak Forest Senior Center- 15501 S. Kilpatrick Avenue, Oak Forest
005	Village Hall of Midlothian-14801 Pulaski Avenue, Midlothian
006	Raday Lodge- 3220 W. 145th Street, Midlothian
007	St. Gerard Majella Church-16121 Clifton Pk, Markham
009	Zion Lutheran Church- 17100 S. 69th Avenue, Tinley Park
010	Central Park Community Center-15601 S. Central Avenue, Oak Forest
011	American Legion Hall-17423 67th Ct., Tinley Park
013	Crestwood Civic Center-14025 Kostner Avenue, Crestwood
015	Raday Lodge- 3220 W. 145th Street, Midlothian
016	Sand Piper South Condo- 5204 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood
018	Oak Forest Senior Center- 15501 S. Kilpatrick Avenue, Oak Forest
020	Lee Foster School- 5931 School Street, Oak Forest
021	VFW Bremen Post 2791-17147 Oak Park Avenue, Tinley Park
022	American Legion Hall- 17423 67th Ct., Tinley Park
025	Midlothian Park District- 14500 S. Kostner Avenue, Midlothian
027	Don Gorman Fieldhouse- 4412 Henry Street, Oak Forest
028	Springfield School- 14620 Springfield Avenue, Midlothian
033	Sandidge School-16600 S. 66th Avenue, Tinley Park
034	School District 146- 6611 W. 171st Street, Tinley Park
041	Central Park School- 3621 151st Street, Midlothian
042	G. Kerkstra School- 14950 Laramie Avenue, Oak Forest
048	Lee Foster School- 5931 School Street, Oak Forest
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Auditions for The Dining Room

The Palos Village Players will be holding auditions for A.R. Gurney's tour de force The Dining Room on March 14 and 16 from 7-9 p.m. The auditions will take place at All Saints Lutheran Church, located at 13350 S. LaGrange Road in Orland Park.

A small ensemble cast of men and women portray 57 different characters in various dining room settings. Director David Groebe of Lemont explains, "One of the reasons we chose this play is because it provides a good acting challenge."

Each auditioning actor will play a number of characters, ranging from very young to very old, and tryouts will consist of cold readings from the script. Those who are auditioning are asked to enter the church from the rear parking lot. The production dates for the show are May 12th through the 20th.

For more information on the Palos Village Players and The Dining Room auditions, please call 630/243-1920.

Chicago Ridge Public Library Presents: Charlotte's Web Fun!

Charlotte the spider told the world that Wilbur was 'some pig!' Learn more about Wilbur and Charlotte, before the release of their new movie (based on the book Charlotte's Web by (E.B. White) at Chicago Ridge Public Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 18th.

This event is for children ages 3-13. Children ages 3-10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for the event can be completed at the Youth Services Department.

For more information on the event, or the register by phone, please call the library at 708/423-7753.

Worth Township 2006 summer camp holds early registration

Early registration begins April 3, 2006 for summer camp. There is a late registration fee of $25 after June 5, 2006. The program offers children the opportunity to meet other children from the same age and offers college and high school students the opportunity for employment during the summer to make extra spending money.

For children 3-5 years is Kiddie Kamp (Tuesday and Thursday) from 10am to 2pm from June 27 to August 3, 2006. Fee is $140 Township resident and $165 non-Township resident. The late registration fee applies.

Day Camp for children 6 to 10 years old is Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 3pm from June 26 to August 4, 2006. Fee is $150 Township resident and $175 non-Township resident. The late registration fee applies. Call the Township at 708-371-2900.

Chicago Ridge approves CDBG resolution

by Matt Mayer

Village consultant Rudy Vissar outlined the Community Development Block Grant request at the Feb. 21 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The slated CDBG projects include street reconstruction on 100th St from Sayre to Nottingham; O'Connell Drive from 99th to Sayre Ave; Nottingham from 100th St to O'Connell Drive in the amount of $140,000 as well as another project on 98th St, which will include the water main from Sayre Ave to Nottingham in the amount of $160,000. The village has requested the maximum allowable amount of $300,000, however the village is expected to receive only half. The board approved the resolution and will process the necessary documents.

Village Attorney George Witous was also requested to prepare a request for Brett Baarstrad to request a Class 6(b) Tax classification with the Cook County Assessor's office for one of his buildings located in the industrial park. This classification provides a reduced level of assessment to properties that are used primarily for industrial purposes where the owner has substantially rehabilitated an existing facility or reoccupied an abandoned one. The property receives a 16 % assessment level for the first 10 years, 23% in the eleventh year and 30 % in the 12th year before returning to the full 36% industrial assessment level in the 13th year. This classification however is difficult obtain. The potential buyer is an established cabinet manufacturer and has 14 employees.

The board approved a business license request for Almaz Salon, a beauty salon at 10135 S. Harlem Ave; and 168 Perfect, and a Chinese massage business due to a location change at the mall. A fire department request for Firefighter Ron Klingensmith to attend a mechanical conference in downstate Bloomington, for $741 was also approved as well as an elevator inspection fee increase from $20 to $30. The White Sox trophy will be on display at the municipal building on July 6, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Worth approves golf course expenditures

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the following expenditures for the Waters Edge Golf Course at the Feb. 21, Worth Board of Trustees meeting, in amounts not to exceed the following: $5,000 for a sign, $4,500 for new computers and $1,000 for valances and shades.

The board approved a contract with the Illinois State Toll Way regarding bridge substructure widening. An ordinance for a variance for subdivision at 11447 S. Oak Park Ave was also approved as well as a resolution for the resurfacing of Lode Drive from Oak Park Ave to 109th St. from Community Development Block Grant.

The board approved an ordinance to vacate property located on the south side of 110th St adjacent to 6859 on the west and 6901 on the east of 110th St. The board authorized the village attorney to increase the number of package liquor licenses.

News at the Lincoln Park Zoo

The recently completed My Kind of Zoo campaign has resulted in a beautiful new state-of-the-art animal habitats. Through the continued Animal Fund support, the zoo is able to focus its attention on exciting science and conservation endeavors, such as the impact of avian influenza in the United States.

At the invitation of Dr. Dominic Travis, veterinary epidemiologist at Lincoln Park Zoo, 30 experts from across the country gathered at the zoo to share latest information on avian influenza. Representatives from the US Department of Agriculture, Centers for Disease control, American Zoo and Aquarium Association and several research universities are collaborating on this issue.

Dr. Travis leads the national vanguard to solidify a plan in which then country's 210 accredited zoos will monitor for signs of avian flu. The research provides much-needed information to maintain health of zoo animals and also to learn more about avian flu and protect humans.

An annual fund has been founded to support the work. Call Kimberly at 312-742-0505, the Director of Annual Giving at the zoo if you are interested in this cause.

History Museum takes new name

After 150 years of celebrating and illuminating Chicago's history, the Chicago Historical Society unveiled a new look and name for the city oldest and newest cultural institution: Chicago History Museum.

Museum president, Gary T. Johnson indicated the $27.5 million renovation nears completion and the redesigned museum is expected to open its doors on Saturday, September 30 following a public grand reopening ceremony.

The goal for the 150th celebration is to reach out to all Chicagoans and suburbanites and make them feel the Chicago History Museum is their hometown museum.

Spring Home Improvement for March 21!

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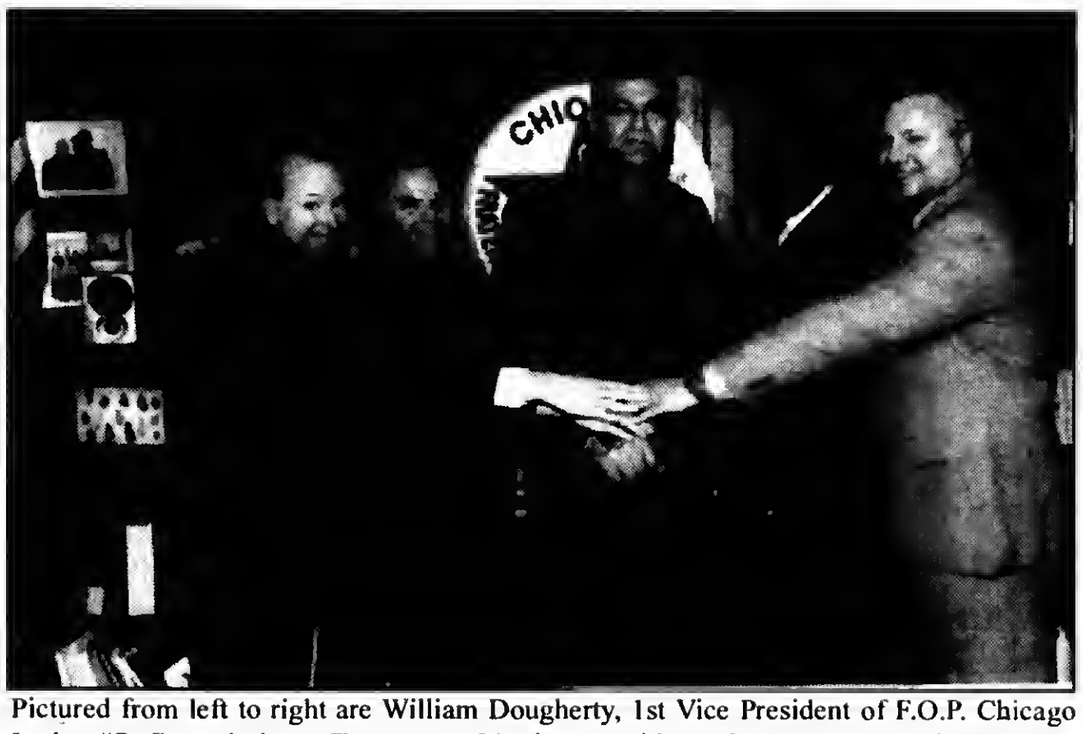

Pictured from left to right are William Dougherty, 1st Vice President of F.O.P. Chicago Lodge #7; Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of M.W.R.D.; Mark Donahue, President of F.O.P. Chicago Lodge #7; Commissioner James Harris and John Chwarzynski, President of Chicago Fire Fighters Union, Local #2.

FOP & Chicago Firefighters endorsements

Mark donajue, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Lodge #7 and John Chwarzynski, President of Chicago Fire Fighters Union, Local #2, have announced the endorsement of two members of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago running in the upcoming elections.

Those endorsed by the two organizations are Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the MWRD and Commissioner James Harris of the District. These two candidates meet the qualifications that the organizations stand for.

Commissioner O'Brien expressed his gratitude by saying "we are honored and grateful to receive the endorsement of these two highly respected organizations in the City of Chicago."

Evergreen Park approves street maintenance

by Matt Mayer

An annual resolution request was approved at the March 6, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting for the maintenance of streets and highways by municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Village Engineer Tim Klass said the village intends to use the motor fuel tax for this project.

A request from a zoning board of appeals meeting held on Jan. 10, for rezoning and setback variances for property at 9336 S. Clifton Park was also approved. Mayor James Sexton said that the 75 by 125 foot parcel is acceptable to be subdivided into two lots under the village code. The board approved the following business license requests: Subway at 9838 S. Western Ave; Barrister Mortgage, an office at 3574 W. 95th St; Sylvan Learning Center at 3158 W. 95th St; Kirby Vacuum Sales and Service, at 3345 W. 95th St; James O' Sullivan a junker's license; and Sabores Mexicanos fast food restaurant at the Plaza. Recycling director Gail Morales reported that yard waste pick up begins the week of March 13, and spring tree sales began March 3.

This year there are twenty four varieties of shade and ornamental trees as well as three evergreens to chose from. Morales also reported that a computer-recycling event is currently being planned for computers, monitors, televisions, telephones etc. The village has obtained a company, which will take most of the recyclable at no cost. This event will be open to schools, businesses and residents. The board also proclaimed "2006 as The Year of the Museum".

Measures to curtail crime at Oak Lawn bowling alley

by Matt Mayer

Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann said at the March 14, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting that the Brunswick Zone at 103rd and Cicero has agreed per a village request to curtail operations by two hours and close at 12 a.m. for a 60 day trial period. During the last several board meetings, residents complained about crime occurring at the bowling alley parking lot after the bowlers went home. The crimes seem to stem from the bar remaining open to 2 p.m. Residents also reported that perpetrators were parked in cars at the Star Bucks parking lot across the street waiting for someone to strike.

Trustee Tom Phalen (D-6) at the March 1, board meeting read an analysis of a recent report compiled by the police department. There were 309 incidents within a two-year period with the frequency of incidents increasing enormously this year. "There were 47 incidents in the first 46-day's of 2006, fractionally more than one per day", Phelan said. In a Feb.12 brawl with police, it took five police officers and a bowling alley security officer to stop the scuffle. One of the assailants allegedly reached for an officer's gun, attempting to remove it from the holster and one police officer was injured in the altercation.

Brunswick Zone outlined other measures in an effort to curtail incidents such as adding four additional security guards on Saturday nights and three additional guards on Friday nights, leaving the area illuminated as well as changing the type of music. Another incident occurred during broad daylight, where an elderly woman was loading parcels into the trunk of her car at the Jewel parking lot next door. The assailant struggled with the woman to get her purse and also punched her several times. Luckily a man had seen this and came to the rescue of the woman. He fought the perpetrator off and later the perpetrator was located by the police and arrested. The man that came to the woman's rescue received a police commendation award at a prior board meeting and a kiss on the cheek from the victim. Heilmann said that the board would reevaluate the Brunswick Zone matter after the 60 days trial periods concludes and evaluate the outcome. Perhaps this may be best summed up with one word "caution". The next meeting is March 28.

Abdullah addresses Hickory Hills Club

Askia Abdullah, an official for Engene Moore, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will address the Hickory Hills Women's Club, Wednesday, March 22 at 8pm. The address will follow a cooking demonstration at the Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W. 89th Place.

Diane Moore, coordinator, announced that Abdullah will explain the workings of the Recorder of Deeds Office. Abdullah is responsible for marketing the office to the general public and professional market sector.

Abdullah circulates press releases concerning issues and accomplishments of the office and represents the office and Recorder of deeds at public forums. He received his Jurisprudence from Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mi.

Brosnahan measure on charity moves forward

Jim Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park) indicated legislation passed through the Illinois House Judiciary Committee on Civil Law requiring all charity contribution collection agents to report their transactions in an effort to reduce questionable practices by third-party companies.

Brosnahan stated, "It is wrong for a third-party contractor hired to collect donations to take an exorbitant amount of the donation and profit from it. This legislation curbs such pitiful practices." House Bill 4315 requires the third-party agent to report details of every transaction to the Attorney General's office as a means to ensure fair and accurate dealings.

It also requires them to register as professional fund-raisers or solicitors. The measure also prohibits anyone who has been convicted of a felony involving monetary matters from registering as a fundraiser. House Bill 4315 now moves on to the full House of Representatives for consideration. For more information call the Brosnahan's constituent service office at 708-499-2810.

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Military News

Air Force Airman Kyle E. Hansen has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Hansen is the son of James and Cheryl Hansen of Humber Lane, Tinley Park, Ill.

The airman is a 2002 graduate of Victor J. Andrew High School, Tinley Park.

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Lipinski's hospital price reporting bill to be considered

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) announce that he will testify at a hearing of the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, regarding his Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act. This bill would require hospitals to provide clear, concise information about what they charge for common procedures and medications. The hearing was scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. in 2123 Rayburn House Office Building, and is entitled "What's The Cost? Proposals to Provide Consumers With Better Information About Healthcare Service Costs."

Last July, Lipinski and Congressman Bob Inglis (R-SC) introduced H.R. 3139, the Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act, which would require hospitals to regularly report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) the amount they charge for the twenty-five most commonly performed inpatient procedures, the twenty-five most common outpatient procedures, and the fifty most frequently administered medications. HHS would then post this information on the Internet for easy access. Senators Richard Durbin (D-IL), Jim DeMint (R-SC), and John Cornyn (R-TX) introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 1827.

"We all want more information available when making health care decisions for ourselves and our families," said Lipinski. "This is especially crucial to the 46 million uninsured Americans. While we work to get coverage for these individuals, we should give them information that will help in their health care choices. We expect to have price information for every other purchase that we make, why shouldn't we have the same when it comes to health care? I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this common-sense, bipartisan bill at the hearing."

Pappas welcomes administrative professionals

Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas, after an address, greets members of the International Association of Administrative Professionals, Chicago Lake Shore Chapter. In the picture are Cook County Treasurer Marie Pappas, Elizabeth Timmer, IAAP president; Pat Brown, first vice president, and photographer Victor Skrebnski

Senator Collins legislation promotes financial literacy

State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) legislation promotes financial literacy in schools. The legislation passed out of the Senate Education Committee. It will cover a broad range of topics to help students garner financial skills they can use in the future. Basic issues covered in finance will include information on opening deposit accounts, balancing checkbooks, completing loan applications and computing income taxes.

Issues a factor today included are credit card debt, principals of personal insurance policies, savings and investing principals, and state and federal laws concerning finance.

Senator Collins said, "Education is the key in prevention. We recently had hearings on problems associated with mortgage fraud and through education the children we can effectively solve many problems such as these before they start."

Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

Very disturbing news to me is when I hear of a family in this day and age going hungry. Can you fathom anyone going hungry other then the people on the street? Do you know that it could be a neighbor right on your own block that could be hungry due to an unknown circumstance. We all know that there is no intervention that can take place unless one family member will seek out for the help that is needed. How much need can be assessed by a pastor, commnity or organization if there is resistance.

Recently in a newspaper there was a family in need and a benefactor provided for the family with a donation. This was a great act of kindness and hopefully there are more people doing this very thing for one another.

If by chance, you know of someone in need of food, clothing, toiletries, contact the churches within and sometime outside of your community. There is help also available at a Crisis Center for abused women and children.

In the city of Chicago, there are many homeless shelters, food pantries, clinics, etc. The problem of need out ways the support.

About seven years ago in the Englewood neighborhood at 59th and Green Street, a Nigerian and Nirobi person asked if Village View could help their homeless shelter with a supply of books furniture, computers and office supplies. They even took out an ad for additional requests.

The readers were so generous that within a year their needs disappeared, it was temporary. Food and money was not what they wanted for their shelter, they wanted the homeless to be able to work and share their money as a community. The Africans that helped in that program, knew what they wanted and how to succeed in helping the homeless in Englewood.

There are shelters on the Westside of Chicago that are in desperate need of building repairs.

People can volunteer right here in their own city other than going to New Orleans, Mississippi and or the Southern States. Do not forget to take care of your own. Once we have helped our own family, we can broaden our scope to other villages, other cities and other tribes.

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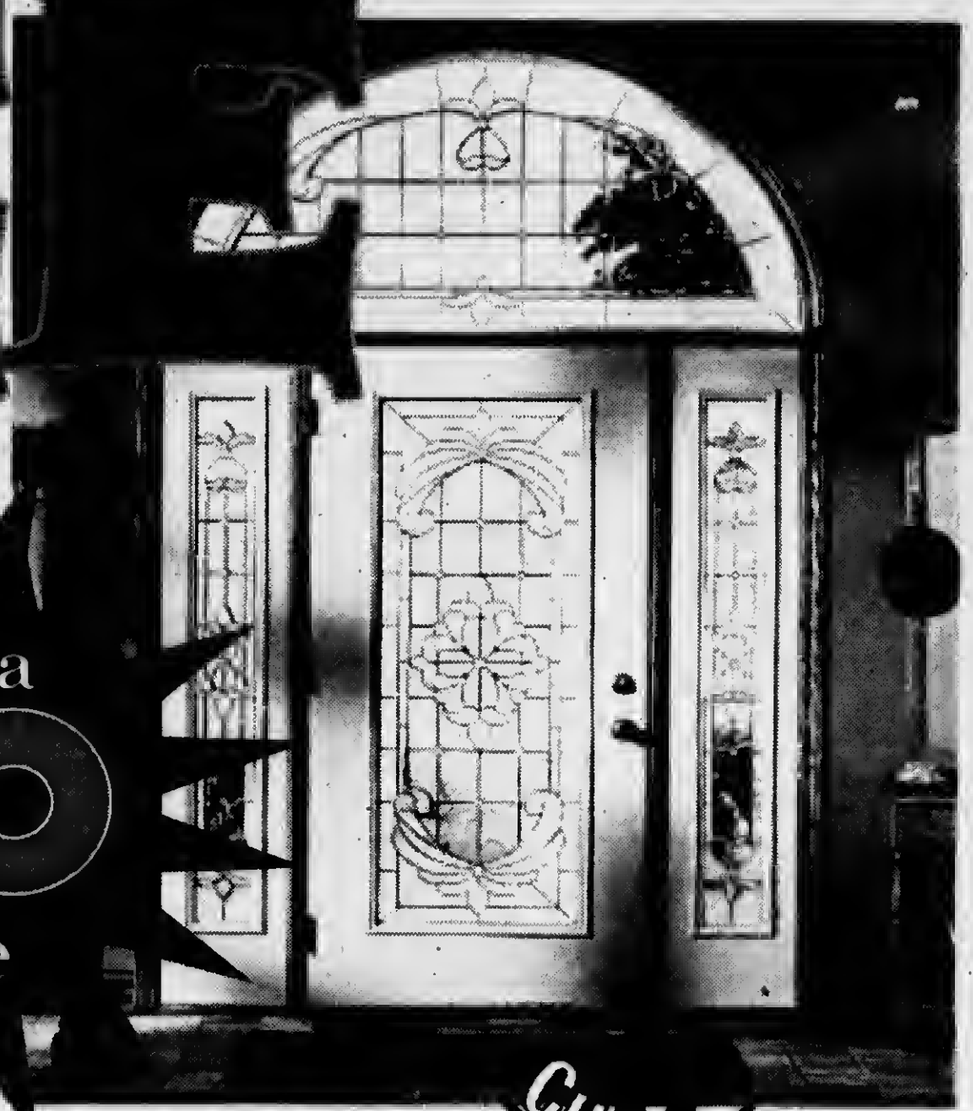

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Moraine Valley to offer Current Concepts in Critical Care seminar

Moraine Valley Community College will host a one-day seminar on "Current Concepts in Critical Care" on Thursday, April 20. The seminar will take place from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Moraine Rooms, located on the second floor of the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and lunch will be served.

Offered as a collaborative effort between Workforce Development and the Illinois Society for Respiratory Care, this event is geared toward the working professional and students in these fields. Practitioners and students involved in critical care, studying for board exams, seeking high quality Continuing Education Units (six will be offered for this seminar), or wanting to hear the latest in diagnosis and treatment at a variety of teaching hospitals are encouraged to attend.

An impressive list of medical experts will present at the seminar, including:

Dr. H. Ari Jaffe, M.D., associate professor of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago; director of the University of Illinois' Hospital Pulmonary Function Laboratory; director of the University of Illinois at Chicago's Outpatient Pulmonary Services; and acting chief of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at Jesse Brown Veterans Administration Hospital.

Topic: Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency: An Under Recognized Cause of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease."

Dr. David P. Gurka, Ph.D., M.D., assistant professor of Medicine; medical director of Respiratory Care; and director of Critical Care Medicine at Rush University Medical Center. Topic: "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease 2006."

Dr. Muhammad Abdulgany Hamadeh M.D., FCCP, ABSM, clinical assistant professor of Medicine, University of Illinois; medical director of the Respiratory Care Program, Moraine Valley Community College; instructor of clinical medicine, Rush Medical School; and medical director, Christ Hospital Sleep Disorders Center. *Topic: "Sleep Disorders and Their Impact on Patients with Chronic Pulmonary Disease."*

Dr Patrick Fahey, M.D., professor and chairman, Department of Medicine, Medical Director, Cardiovascular Services Division of Respiratory Care Loyola University Health System, Medical Director of the Respiratory Care Program, Triton College. *Topic: "The Five Most Important Developments in Respiratory Care in the Last Decade."*

Dr. David Schwartz, M.D., professor of Anesthesiology, director of Critical Care Anesthesiology, and Medical director of Respiratory Care, University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center. *Topic: "Medical Ventilation Strategies for Patients with Asthma and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease."*

Dr. Lisa Wolfe, M.D., assistant professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care at Northwestern University School of Medicine; and director of the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program, Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago. *Topic: "Pathogenesis, Diagnosis and Management in Adult Asthma."*

Participants will be able to explore the changing employment climate, network with a wide range of people involved in the field, talk with fellow practitioners and students from Moraine Valley, College of DuPage, Rock Valley College, Illinois Central College, Southwestern Illinois College, Indiana University Northwest, Olive-Harvey College, Kankakee Community College, Parkland College, Southern Illinois University, and Malcolm-X College.

Hospitals and supporting business representatives who will attend include Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Ingalls Health System, St. Francis Hospital, Holy Cross Hospital, Provena Mercy Medical Center, Expert Health Care Provider, St. James Hospital, Saint Margaret Mercy Health Center, Fitzsimmons Home Medical Equipment, Rush University Medical Center, Loyola University Medical Center, Advocate Christ Medical Center, and Kishwaukee Community Hospital.

Call for information regarding registration fees and registration forms, a list of nearby hotels, more information, or if you are an employer who would like to reserve a recruitment table, call Suzanne Ryerson at either (708) 974-5408 or (708) 974-5747, or e-mail ryerson@morainevalley.edu.

The wait is over for "Evolving Planet"

by Marijo Doody

It has been reported the new exhibit at the Field Museum as a permanent exhibit was 4 billion years in the making. "Evolving Planet" which recently opened, takes people back before the earth could sustain life. The exhibit is so big that it takes more than one time to see it all. A highlight is a 3-D animated view of underwater life 500 million years ago.

The exhibit is divided into six sections reflecting the mass extinction's in Earth's history. One can see what died and why it happened. Even fossils from around the Chicago are here and they date 420 million years ago. Most of Chicago was underwater 340 million years ago.

Richard Kissel is the Field Museum's paleontologist, the exhibit's specialist. A diorama gives patrons an idea what an area looked like during ancient times indicated Kissel.

In the new Genius Hall of Dinosaurs is the earliest known dinosaur fossils, the herrarasaurus. Its bones are on display, next to a model as to what the creature may have looked like. You remember when we got T-rex "Sue"! In Bowman, ND, the folks at the museum were still sore that Chicago got her!

In the hall new windows were installed to give more natural lighting. One of the fossils is a cousin of "Sue" and seemed to be having lunch of another fossil. The concluding exhibit is Homo Sapiens! It is that group reportedly that is responsible for the most devastating of mass extinction. . Kissel indicated, " by conservative estimates we're loosing one species every fifteen minutes and we don't have a handle on what species are out there yet or what is on the brink of extinction."

"Evolving Planet" is included with the general admission to the Field Museum, $12 adults, $7 students, seniors, and children. The museum is open daily 9am to 5pm.

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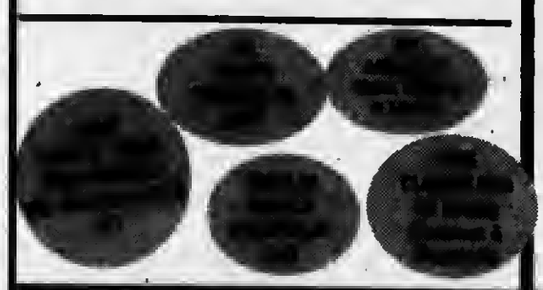

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Harry & the Potters at Evergreen High School

The Evergreen Park Library, 9400 S. Troy, invites witches, wizards and muggles of all ages to attend a Harry & the Potters wizard rock concert on Tuesday, March 28th at 4pm in the Evergreen Park Community High School Auditorium, 9901 S. Kedzie.

Harry & the Potters are a rock band from Massachusetts who sing songs based on the Harry Potter novels by J.K. Rowling.

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Carlene O'Connor

Mount Assisi holds Mother Daughter Fashion Show

Sunday, March 26, 2006 March 10, 2006, the Mount Assisi Academy Parents' Association proudly presents its annual Mother/Daughter Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show, Sunday, March 26, 2006 at Georgios Banquets, 8800 West 159th Street in Orland Park, Illinois.

This year's Fashion Show theme is "Memories of Motown," and will feature Mount Assisi mothers and daughters - along with a dad or two thrown in - modeling spring fashions from a variety of southwest apparel stores.

The afternoon's festivities will kickoff with at 12:00 noon with a reception, followed by lunch and the fashion shoe. Tickets for this event are $45 per person or $450 for a table of 10.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Mount Assisi Academy at 630-257-7844.

Oak Lawn Public Library receives grant

The Oak Lawn Public Library recently received a $12,640 grant from Illinois Clear Energy Foundation to cover part of the cost of replacing 197 obsolete fluorescent ceiling light fixtures with new energy efficient units. As a result library users may pursue the main book shelving areas with improved visibility.

The library will realize thousands of dollars in savings each year by cutting their overall electricity usage by 14.87kW. Connelly Electrical of Addison, Illinois did the lighting replacement work last year at a cost of $48,501.

New fixtures wee installed in areas not covered by the library's 2002-04 building expansion and renovation project. The grant was authored and administrated by Library Director Dr. James B. Casey and Maintenance supervisor Al Fournier.

Blue Island Library news

Private Computer Tutoring Sessions

The Blue Island Library Reference Librarians are happy to give you the kind of individualized, step by step computer instruction you are looking for in case the thought of using a computer overwhelms you. They give you the basics using a computer and make it fun and easy to learn at your own pace, learn what you wish to learn and when you are ready to learn it!

Visit or call Ms. Ingersoll at the Reference Desk to schedule your "Private Tutoring Session." The Blue Island Library is handicapped accessible. The number is 708-388-1078. The Blue Library is located at 2433 York, in Blue Island.

Preschool stories for children

The Blue Island Library's Pre-School Story Time for kids from 3-5 years of age takes place each Friday morning at 11am. Kids can enjoy movies, stories and work on craft projects. Moms and dads can come too. There is no fee.

Contact Mrs. Beasley in the Children's Library. The Blue Island Library is handicapped accessible. The number is 708-388-1078. The Blue Library is located at 2433 York, in Blue Island.

Burbank Park District news

Mother Goose and Her Friends: This is a fast paced literature program for young children ranging from preschool through first grade. Full of rhyme, puppetry and creative dramatics, Mother Goose and Her Friends program offers children plenty of opportunity to interact and participate. The program is on Saturday, April 8 at Newcastle Park Recreation Center from 11:30am to 12:15pm. The fee is $18 for residents and $22 non-residents.

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny: Join us as we enjoy a pancake & sausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 8 from 9-10am. This is for children 2 and over. Meet the Easter Bunny and get a gift! This is a photo op! Bring your Easter Basket for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after breakfast. The fee is $8 per child and $4 adult.

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Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Perhaps all you need is a good idea to get you back on track. But, if you don't find one, seek out someone who can. M aids.

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Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers

Collection of Cells

Sharyn says, "Jacki can your psychic ability tell when life in the womb begins? My boyfriend insists that what I am carrying in my body is no more than a 'collection of cells.' My doctor told me I am 'with child' and I am now faced with what I should believe? I am only 17 years old without parents or anyone to help guide me. I live on my own and I waitress for a living. My birthday is June 19." Sharyn, my insight and guides tell me that life begins the very moment of conception as the beginning of life. You are a Gemini, ruled by Mercury, let's say this is the name of the vehicle you use to get around in [your body] but the driver of this vehicle is Leo, ruled by the Sun or #19. Your birthday comes up twice a day on the clock when you receive Universal Energy to keep you alive. This happens at 19 minutes after 6 in the AM and again in the PM. And for everyone, the month you were born in represents the hour and the day is the minutes on the clock. Sharyn, talk to a clergy person.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

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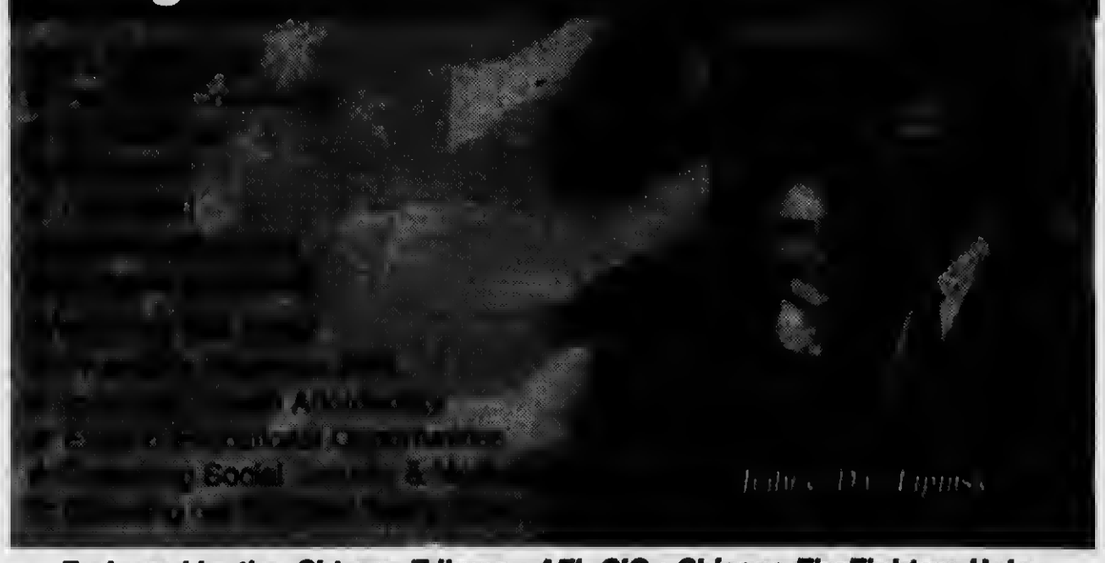

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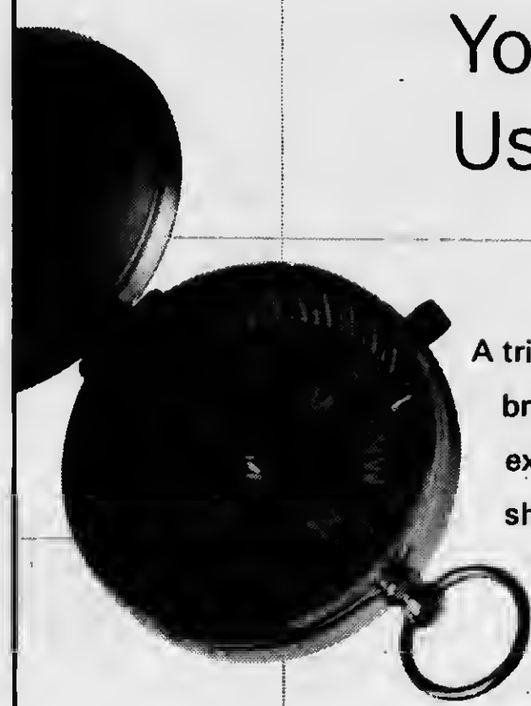

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History Grinds Away

"Ah, there's the trouble with history. You can only read it after it has been written. We don't even know the title. There are no sneak previews, advance releases, no outlines or summaries."

by Bill Bonner

www.dailyreckoning.com

Well, another week has passed away. What history was made?

First, the U.S. current account hit a new record. American economists brushed it aside, but it is a warning of more history to come.

Neither a person, nor an economy, nor even an empire can spend more than it makes forever.

But what history are we talking about? An epic on the U.S. economy such as: American Wealth: Gone with the Wind? Or, a sentimental narrative of Ben Bernanke's role: Catcher at the Fed? Ah, there's the trouble with history. You can only read it after it has been written. We don't even know the title. There are no sneak previews, advance releases, no outlines or summaries. When we write a book, everyone knows months in advance what it will say. The publisher has the gist of it in his hands even before we begin writing. And then, when the manuscript is completed, we send it around to friends and colleagues to see how they react to it. If they are not too appalled, we send the thing to press.

Not so history. No mortal eyes see it until after the fact, until after it has happened, until after the damage has been sustained. Until then, we just guess and whisper to one another with nothing more to go on than what history has written before. Is this war in Iraq going to be like Britain's war in Iraq of the 1920s? Or like France's war in Algeria of the 1950s? Will the next bear market on Wall Street be like the bear market of 2000-2001 or the bear market of 1966-1982? Yes, like Jacqueline Suzanne or Tom Clancy, history has her favorite plots, her habitual characters, her familiar twists and turns. But, she has to keep us guessing too or we will stop reading.

How will the current account story play out? We look at history's previous works and we find little to help us. Usually, it is a ThirdWorld banana republic that runs deficits of this magnitude not an empire that has gone bananas. When the deficits reach 5% of GDP, the world's investors typically won't stand for it. They sell off the nation's currency and its bonds and vow never to go near the country again, not even for a holiday.

Meanwhile, in the homeland, things turn nasty. In Argentina, for example, the middle class was practically wiped out in the last chapter of that South American classic, Greenspan of the Pampas. The rich had their money in Miami - in dollars. The poor had nothing to lose, but those who trusted the government, its money, and its promises, were cleaned out.

But what's this? Since 2001, the Argentine Peso has risen 7% against the dollar. How's that for a plot twist? Now, whose money is in danger? The American middle class's money, no? The U.S. is running a current account deficit of 7% of GDP - and rising. If we could tell anything from reading history's other financial farces, we would guess that what awaits the U.S. dollar is inflation and then hyperinflation. The Bank of Ben Bernanke is in favor of it. U.S. consumers - deep in debt - desperately need it. So does the U.S. government, also deep in debt. And all over the world, central bankers are doing their level best to create it.

No one wants a rising currency.

That does not mean they won't get it. For here is the dramatic tension in this story: while everyone wants inflation, other factors are working against it. China, India, the Internet, globalization, and Wal-Mart - all are pushing prices down, not up. And we wonder, too, if history would write a story with such an ambiguous moral lesson. Millions of middle-class debtors have borrowed money, confident that they will never have to pay it back. The Bank of Ben Bernanke will make sure of that, they told themselves when they stuck their hands out. The fed chairman has gone on record saying that he would drop money from helicopters, if necessary, in order to make sure that a 2006 dollar will be worth more than a 2007 dollar, which will be worth more than a 2008 dollar.

Yes, that is another illustration of how history grinds away. The dollar was once stable and solid and the Fed was set up to make sure it stayed that way. Instead, the Fed gradually destroys the dollar and provides speculators with an opportunity. Now, they can anticipate the Fed's game and play their own. They can borrow more than they should, knowing that the money they pay back will be worth less than it should. They can join the Fed in cheating the savers and lenders (who, of course, have their own little hustles going). But, will history really let America's borrowers off the hook? What kind of morality tale would it be if the all these gamers, opportunists, and chiselers got what they expected, rather than what they deserved?

We don't know, but in today's news we read that inflation is under control, which will mean an early end to the Fed's tightening cycle. Investors are getting excited about that, says an analyst quoted in the International Herald Tribune. They might be less excited, and more worried, if they could read the next chapter.

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Chicago Ridge Library News

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, will celebrate National Poetry Month by hosting local author, Don Lundquist, Jr. Join us on Thursday, April 6th @ 7:00 p.m. for a poetry reading. Don's poetic endeavor is about humor and positive living. His recently published book, "At Least He Shuts Up When He Writes", has rhyming reflections on relationships, classic art & even a trip to the moon. Don invites you to bring any of your original poetry to share with the group. We will also talk about starting a local writing group. Call the library at 423-7753 to sign up for this free program.

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KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

By: Kathy Whirity
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Well, I think we all agree that age is just a number. Keeping that in mind, here, as promised, are the over the hill revelations sure to bring a smile or at least a nod of recognition. Thank you Marie for sending this my way and for making me smile!

MID-LIFE MUSINGS OF A FEMALE MIND

Mid-life is when the growth of hair on our legs slows down. It gives us plenty of time to care for our newly acquired mustache.

In mid-life women no longer have upper arms; we have wing spans.

We are no longer women in sleeveless shirts; we are flying squirrels in drag.

Mid-life is when you can stand naked in front of a mirror and you can see your rear without turning around.

Mid-life is when you go for a mammogram and you realize that this is the only time someone will ask to see you topless.

Mid-life is when you want to grab every firm young lovely in a tube top and scream, "Listen honey, even the Roman empire fell and those will too."

Mid-life brings wisdom to know that life throws us curves and we're sitting on the biggest ones.

Mid-life is when you look at your know-it-all, ell phone, beeper wearing teenager and think: "For this I have stretch marks?"

In mid-life memory starts to go. In fact the only thing we can retain is water.

Mid-life means that your Body By Jake now includes Legs By McNally - more red and blue lines than an accurately scaled map of Wisconsin.

Mid-life means that you become more reflective. You start pondering the big question. What is life? Why am I here? How much Healthy Choice ice cream can I eat before it's no longer a healthy choice?

But mid-life also brings with it an appreciation for what is important. We realize that breasts sag, hips expand and chins double - but our loved ones make the journey worthwhile. I, for one, wouldn't trade the knowledge I have now for the body I had back then. Maybe our bodies simply have to expand to hold all the wisdom and love we've acquired. Now that's a good philosophy to live by.

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Grecian Skillet Ribeyes

This great-tasting, versatile recipe will win raves served simply as a steak or nestles in pita bread for a Mediterranean sandwich--and it's so easy to prepare, you'll want to cook up extras to serve on a busy night later in the week.

To create your own award-winning meal this summer, look no further than the Best of Beef recipe winner from the 1995 Beef Cook-Off, Grecian Skillet Ribeyes. It's a terrific flavor combination your family will love night after night!

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 minutes

2 well-trimmed beef ribeye steaks, cut 1 inch thick (Approx. 1 pound)
1 Tablespoon olive oil
1 Tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 Tablespoons crumbled feta cheese
1 Tablespoon pitted, chopped Kalamata or ripe olives Lemon slices (optional)

Seasoning:

1-1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
1-1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves, crushed
1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, crushed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper

1. Combine seasoning ingredients; press into both sides of beef steaks. In large nonstick skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hop. Place steaks in skillet; cook approx. 10 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning once. Sprinkle with lemon juice.
2. To serve, sprinkle cheese and olives over steaks; carve into thin slices. Makes 4 servings (serving size: 1/4 of recipe). Serving Suggestion: Serve carved beef in warmed pita pockets: garnish with chopped tomato.

5 Minute Chile Con Queso Dip

1 can (15.5 ounces) Bush's Chile Starter
1 jar (15.5 ounces) cheese dip
2 bags of Tortilla or corn chips

In microwavable bowl, mix Chile Magic and cheese. Heat 2 or 3 minutes, or until cheese melts. Stir as needed. Serve with chips. (Note) Also makes a great topping for baked potatoes or nachos, etc.

Torta (Mexican) Sandwich

Preparation time 15 min.
Cooking time 10 min.

3/4 pound turkey Italian sausage or chorizo sausage
1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa
1 (15-ounce) can black or pinto beans, rinsed, drained
8 French Rolls (3 1/2 by 2 1/2 inch) or bratwurst buns, cut in half lengthwise.
1/3 cup LAND O LAKES sour cream (reg., light or no fat)
4 ounces (1/2 cup) Land O Lake Chedarella or Monterey Jack Cheese, shredded
1 cup shredded Lettuce

In 10 inch skillet cook sausage over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until browned (8 to 10 minutes); drain off fat. Stir in salsa and beans. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally until heated through (2 to 3 minutes).

Meanwhile, pull out bread from top and bottom halves of rolls, leaving a cavity almost the full length of the roll. Spread about 1 teaspoon sour cream on both halves of each roll. Fill bottom half of each roll with about 1/3 cup meat mixture, 1 tablespoon cheese and 2 tablespoons lettuce; top with top half of roll. Cut each sandwich in half diagonally.

Longtime athletic director retires

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School regretfully announces the retirement of Nancy Pedersen, athletic director, effective June 30, 2006.

In her 23 years of dedicated service to McAuley, Pedersen has built an exceptional athletic program featuring 10 interscholastic sports teams employing more than 30 coaches. Pedersen began her career at McAuley in 1983 as a physical education teacher and head volleyball and softball coach.

She was promoted to Athletic Director in 1994. During her tenure she has led McAuley to nine volleyball state championships, revived the water polo program and established the golf program. She has been named National Volleyball Coach of the Year (1998) and Athletic Director of the Year (1999). Pedersen has been inducted into the GCAC Hall of Fame (2002) and the Chicagoland Hall of Fame (2004). In addition, Pedersen helped found the nationally recognized Nike Volleyball Challenge, McAuley Preview, and she was instrumental in securing funds for the complete renovation of McAuley's softball and soccer fields. Pedersen has been very committed to her career but is now looking forward to the freedom of retirement, saying: "For the past 33 years, education and athletics have consumed my life at McAuley and in Wisconsin.

I have always enjoyed my work, and I look forward to taking a step back and watching some of the athletes I have coached and coaches I have mentored take over and flourish. I thank McAuley for providing me with this wonderful opportunity. I hope to keep in touch with all the magnificent people I have been associated with throughout the years. I may even have time for a lunch or a dinner date!" McAuley is delighted to announce that Pedersen has agreed to serve as transitional consultant to the incoming Athletic Director, to manage the summer programs, and to assist with the Sophomore Junior Varsity Classic, the McAuley Preview, and the Nike Volleyball Challenge Tournament.

A search for a new Athletic Director will begin immediately. Sister Rose Wiorek, R.S.M., president/principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, said of Pedersen: "Nancy has been a strong and central contributor in building Mother McAuley's excellent athletic programs over these many years.

We are very, very grateful to her and for her. Her tremendous dedication, commitment and love of McAuley and our students has been constant and visible. Nancy's leave taking is a true loss, but I am very happy that she will be able to spend more time with her husband and sons who are so dear to her heart. I am also very grateful that she will be available for a few months to assist the new athletic director and to help insure a seamless transfer of the athletic program leadership."

Theology South meets

At St. Xavier University in the Butler Reception Room, Theology South meets on April 6 for coffee at 9am and a lecture at 9:30-11:30am. The lecturer is John Savant, Professor Emeritus of English and Director of Writing programs, Dominican College, San Rafael, California.

Savant is the author of "Brendan's Voyage", a poetry collection based upon St. Brendan's journey from Ireland to the New World in the 6th Century and "Out of Anger Out of Love" a book of essays.

The lecture topic is "Faith and Patriotism: a Voice from the Loyal Opposition." There is a $6 charge. For further information contact Donatta Yates at 708-422-1633.

Alums3: (back row) Alumnae Maddie Singler Kelly of Oak Lawn, Mary Boyle Weiler of Oak Lawn, Nancy Cahill Walaszek of Oak Lawn, alumna parent Mame Byrne of Oak Lawn, and current student parent Nancy Lynch of Evergreen Park. (front row) Alumna Maureen Linehan Howard of Beverly and alumna parent Ginny Griffin of Oak Lawn.

Mother McAuley High School celebrates 50TH anniversary

Mother McAuley High School welcomed more than 500 alumnae, parents and friends to their 50th Anniversary Celebration on February 25 and 26. The two-day celebration began on Saturday evening with an Art Exhibit and Auction featuring student, alumnae and faculty pieces. Included in the Art Auction were 13 hand painted Adirondack chairs with themes ranging from Illini to Jimmy Buffet to Monet. Other highlights of the evening included a Piano Bar with faculty and alumnae performances, Catherine's Garden, and a Memorabilia Center. The celebration continued on Sunday with a Mass, tea and refreshments, and the "Why We Tell the Story" theatre presentation. The presentation portrayed the history of Catherine McAuley, the school's foundress, and the Sisters of Mercy in Chicago. Topping off the weekend was the raffle for a four day weekend stay at Sunset Point in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Sunset Point was a popular McAuley retreat center in the 50s, 60s, and early 70s. The winner was Maria Adamonis of Oak Lawn. The Sisters of Mercy have been educating young women in Chicago since 1846 and have continued this tradition at Mother McAuley for the last 50 years. Please visit our website to find our more about Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School.

Moraine Valley seeking adult tutors to teach reading and writing

Almost 4 million Illinois residents lack the literacy skills needed to comprehend a newspaper article, write a check, complete a job application, or read a product's warning label. Moraine Valley's Literacy Program is helping to curb this problem by recruiting volunteers to tutor adult community residents who read or write below the ninth grade level.

Tutors will commit to teaching basic reading and writing skills to an assigned student for two hours each week for one year. Regular meeting days and times are decided between the tutor and the student. The Literacy Program offers tutoring at local libraries, churches, community centers, and on the college campus, so tutors can choose a location close to their work or home.

Volunteers should be high school graduates over the age of 18. Teaching experience is not required because all volunteers will receive 18 hours of mandatory training during four workshops. The next training session is scheduled for mid- to late-April.

As a member of the Literacy Volunteers of Illinois, Moraine Valley's Literacy Program has been promoting functional literacy for adult residents since 1985. It is free to the 100 students it serves every year.

To volunteer or for more information about Moraine Valley's Literacy Program, call Megan Hughes, literacy coordinator, at (708) 975-5331 before April 1.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

St. Laurence hosts smoker & final four

St. Laurence High School, Burbank, hosts its annual , Smoker and Final Four Extravaganza an evening of action and entertainment on Saturday, April 1, 2006. Sponsoring the event are St. Laurence High School Alumni Association along with the Fathers' Club, Mothers' Club, and Laurenta Club.

School principal, Thomas Ondrla, welcomes all of those who share the spirit and enthusiasm of the St. Laurence community.

The Smoker and Final Four Extravaganza includes areas dedicated to casino games, food and beverage service, and television viewing on jumbo 15-foot screens, Activities are open to the public 4pm to midnight.

To purchase tickets call 708-458-6900. St. Laurence is at 5556 W 77th St. Burbank.

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MVCC holds nursing job fair

Open the throttle on your career search and zoom on over to Moraine Valley on Thursday, April 6, to participate in the college's seventh annual Allied Health and Nursing Job Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first floor of the B Building, located on campus at 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills.

Those attending the job fair will have a wide range of opportunities to meet with regional employers who are looking for well-trained health and nursing candidates, including those in such programs as Certified Nursing Assistant, Coding Specialist, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Massage Therapy, Medical Assistant, Medical Transcription, Nursing (R.N.), Phlebotomy, Polysomnography, Radiologic Technology, and Respiratory Therapy.

In addition, Moraine Valley is encouraging additional employers to represent their companies at the job fair. Employee representatives will be able to meet and talk to upcoming graduates of the Moraine Valley programs listed above.

For more information on the job fair, or to register for a table at the event, call Frieda Burke at (708) 608-4152, or e-mail burke@morainevalley.edu. For information about the college, visit Moraine Valley on the Web at moraincvalley.edu.

For news media inquiries, call Josh Reinhart, public relations generalist, at (708) 974-5742, or e-mail reinhart@morainevalley.edu.

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NCAA Final Four at Mt. Carmel Alumni

The Mt. Carmel High School Alumni Association is sponsoring a NCAA Basketball Final Four party in the MT. Carmel Gym, 6410 S. Dante, Chicago on Saturday, April 1, 2006 for the school's building fund.

Cost for the evening is $35 per ticket. ($15 for spouse or girlfriend) and includes the two games, food, beverages and door prizes. Games will be on an 11-foot by 14- foot video screen. Doors open at 4pm with the first game starting at 5pm. Raffle tickets are $25 for cash prizes.

For information and tickets, contact Fr. Peter McGarry at 773-359-0463 or email pmcgarry@mchs.org.

Listed in Who'sWho

Sister Mary Ventura O.P. has been nominated for the fifth time for inclusion in Who's who Among American teachers. Only two percent of teachers are ever nominated more than once.

Since only a former student can recommend a teacher for this honor, Village View news congratulations Sr. Mary on her expertise and love for her children.

Sr. Mary Ventura O.P. is head of the ELS laboratory at St. Bernadette's School in Evergreen k, Illinois. She has students now from the ages of 6 to 57.

Heart of the School Award

Mrs Jane Collins was presented this year's Heart of the School Award at St. Bernadette School at an award ceremony. She is the secretary of St. Bernadette School; however her daily work takes her far beyond any and all secretarial duties.

She is often found in her office teaching someone from the faculty or staff a computer application, downloading pictures from the digital camera, working on new marketing logos for the school or decorating the front display case.

Mrs. Collins is a well-deserved recipient of the award and is a living example of the Faith, Values and Excellence.

Center for Performing Arts activities

Neville Brothers : On Saturday, April 1, the spirit and soul of New Orleans R & B comes to the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University with the Neville Brothers. Their recording span is over 40 years. The four brothers, Arthur, Charles, Aaron and Cyril have joined together to produce 14 additional albums in a span of many years and currently recordings have off spring performing with them. They have had Grammy Awards.

The current recording "Walkin in the Shadow of Life" reflects their life experiences including growing up in the tough area, surviving music machines, drugs, and gives the listener a message of peace and hope.

The Neville's have toured extensively and partook in charity programs for Amnesty International and Hurricane Katrina. Show tickets are $49-$58. There is a separate post-show reception that costs $25.

Patti Page: An evening of pop favorites with recording and television star Patti Page comes to the Center for Performing Arts on Sunday, April 23 at 4pm. She is recognized as one of the top female recording artist in history. We all remember "The Doggie in the Window." She has many Grammy Awards. Her recording career has span 57 years and over 100 million records.

In recent years she has starred on numerous PBS Specials and on her 50th anniversary, the industry honored her with a 90-minute retrospective on her life and career. She has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and has the prestigious Pioneer Award from the Academy of Country Music. She was honored with the Living Legend Award from the Oklahoma Jazz Hall of Fame.

Show tickets are $43-$52. For tickets call the box office at the Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University at 708-235-2222. There are half-price tickets available at the box office from 2-3pm on performance day if space is available. The Center is located at Governors Highway & University Parkway.

Grease presented at EPCHS

The theatre department of Evergreen Park Community High School is presenting the musical "Grease" on Friday, March 24, Saturday, March 25 and Sunday, March 26, 2006. Friday and Saturday performances are at 7pm and Sunday is at 2pm. Tickets are $5 adults and $4 students and seniors.

On Saturday evening prior to the performance the EPCHS Music Boosters will be offering a Pasta Dinner from 5-6:30pm. Tickets are $5 ($6 door) adults, and $3 child under 12.

For tickets or information call Sherry at 708-424-5841 or Peg at 708-636-8073.

The Rat Pack returns

Icons of a bygone era return to the stage in tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey and Dean in a limited engagement beginning March 21 to May 28, 2006 at the Royal George Theatre at 1641 N. Halsted.

It recreates one of the nights at the Sands in Las Vegas and showcases a few of the Rat Pack's biggest hits from their careers.

Tickets range in price from $39.50 to $69.50 and are now on sale at the Royal George Box Office, by phone at 312-988-9000orTicketmaster.com or at all Ticketmaster ticket centers. Performances are Tuesday-Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 3 and 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. For group tickets call 877-4GRP-TIX.

CST debuts at RSC at Stratfort-upon-Avon

The Chicago Shakespeare Theatre (CST) Artistic Director, Barbara Gaines and Executive Director Criss Henderson recently announced that the 20th Anniversary Season kicks off with a step back in the past as they debut at the Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) in Shakespeare's hometown of Stratford-upon-Avon.

Barbara Gaines production of "Henry IV, Parts 1 and 2" will open the Swan Theatre on July 6, 2006 featuring many of Chicago" leading actors.

CST is part of the historic: first-ever RSC Complete works Festival-a year long celebration presenting the entire Shakespearean canon, with productions from the world's most respected theatre companies.

Remy Bumppo Theatre news

by Marijo Doody

Congratulations to Remy Bumppo's founding producer and stage manager, Corinne Marrinan who was the recipient of an Oscar along with Chicagoan Eric Simonson for the documentary short subject, "A Note of Triumph: The Golden Age of Norman Corwin.

Artistic Associate, Nicolas Sandys, is the Director of William Shakespeare's golden comedy, "Twelfth Night" opening March 29, 2006 at the Noble Fool Theatre at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Il. The box office number is 630-584-6342. Nicolas Sandys recently starred in Moliere's "Tartuffe" at Remy Bumppo and in "Romeo and Juliet" at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre at Chicago.'s Navy Pier.

For the first two productions of the 2006-07 season, Remy Bumppo will present "The Best Man" by Gore Vidal, "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard. Stoppard's critically acclaimed production of "Arcadia" was previously done in the theater.

Remy Bumppo Theatre is at the Victory Gardens building at 2257 N Lincoln. The ticket number is 773-244-8119. Senior and student discounts are available.

Southland Residents Comprise Orland Park's "Joseph" Cast

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe will perform "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center on March 31 and April 1 at 7:00 p.m. and April 1 and 2 at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets are currently available at Orland Park's Franklin Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. Tickets are $17 for adults and students; $15 for seniors and $13 for children, up to age 11.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema is the show's executive producer with Frann Carnivele-Sidlow serving as producer/director. The artistic staff includes Assistant Director Meggan Youpel (Chicago), Music Director Bob Barko (Orland Park) and Choreographers Jeanie Cacciato (Orland Park), Ashley Herbold (Orland Park) and Tammy Lang (Monee).

The Orland Park show features two narrators.

Dr. Curt Lang, DDS (Monee) appears as the mercenary Potiphar and the brother Issachar while Dr. Mike Perry, DDS (Lemont) appears as the Elvis-like Pharaoh. Orland Park residents Gary Felicetti and Mary Tuminello appear as Jacob and Potiphar's wife, respectively. Orland Park's Bob Szczepanski is the baker while Kevin Haines (Burbank) is the butler.

Orland Park residents appearing as Joseph's brothers include Alex Earhart portraying Benjamin; Bob Erxleben as Simeon and Pete Vanderkrabben as Asher. Joseph's brothers also include Graig Mason (Oak Forest) as Dan; Alex Murphy (Mokena) as Gad; Frank O'Neal (Midlothian) as Levi; Kevin Tally (Lemont) as Napthali; Tim Tholl (Lockport) as Zebulun; Randy Trull (Bedford Park) as Judah and Len Wcislo (Hickory Hills) as Ruben.

Wives and members of the ensemble from Orland Park include Amy Anderson, Jeanie Cacciato, Lauren Hagy, Ashley Herbold, Stephanie Owens, Courtney Petro, Melanie Roehl, Catherine Stachniak, Eileen Stachniak, Krissi Witte and Stephanie Witte.

Those from Palos Park include Andrea Gorecki and Lorrie Peccatiello. Wives and ensemble members from Mokena include Ashley Fister and Kim Gignac. The wives' ensemble also includes Andrea Fleming (Steger), Christina Flores (Tinley Park), Christine Haines (Burbank), Kathy Janik (Lemont), Tammy Lang (Monee), Elizabeth O'Neal (Midlothian), Alice Trull (Bedford Park), Kristie Uthe (New Lenox) and Debbie VanDril (Frankfort).

Guards from Orland Park include Christina Pacini and Abbey Wolfenson. Also appearing as guards are Jayna Evans (Homer Glen) and Tony Palermo (Burbank).

Orland Park residents in the Children's Choir include Natalie Bozetti, Anthony Cacciato, Mia Cacciato, Tressa Cacciato, Mary Connolly, Annie Connolly, Abigail Dorey, Kristina Egan, Joey Germino, Mackenzie Germino, Nicole Germino, Elizabeth Hasier, Timothy Klotz, Daniel Lahey, Joshua Lahey, Nicole Lahey, Mitchell McLaughlin, Lauren Mehalek, Alexandra Petro, Amy Stubenfall, Cameron Szymczak and Olivia Thies. Liam VanDril.

The choir includes many names which we are unable to mention.

More information about Orland Park's "Joseph" is available at the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department or call 708/403-PARK.

Cast includes Mike Maty, Bobbie Maty, both from Evergreen Park, Heather Prince, Tinley Park, Kimmie Kill, Oak Lawn, Kim Brines, Oak Lawn, Cinderella Michelle Vanda, Mount Greenwood and the Prince is Matthew Miller, Midlothian.

Cinderella at BAC

The Beverly Hills University Club is presenting the musical "Cinderella" by Rodgers and Hammerstein at the Beverly Arts Center two weekends on March 24-26 and March 31-April 1-2. Friday and Saturday the show is at 8pm and on Sunday's at 3pm.

The show is directed and choreographed by Cassie Davis of Oak Lawn and the Music Director is Peg Mooney of Evergreen Park.

For tickets contact the BAC at 773-445-3838 or online at www.bhucsf.org.

The Beverly Hills University Club Scholarship Foundation has been awarding college scholarships to local high school students more than 80 years. The 1000th scholarship was recently awarded. Call today for tickets as this is a worthwhile venture and you'll have a great time while helping many worthy students.

Free educational Concerts of Civic Orchestra

The Civic orchestra of Chicago will have free concerts in the neighborhoods. Discover the acclaimed musicians at Community Chamber concert, Sunday, April 2 at 3pm at DuSableMuseum of African History located 740 East 56th Place in Chicago.

Sunday in the Park with Civic orchestra is an interactive concert for children and families.

It will be at Indian Boundary Park Cultural center located 2500 West Lunt in Chicago on Sunday April 9 and May 9 at 3pm.

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Morrill grade school reunion

Morrill grade school located 6011 South Rockwell, in Chicago is planning a reunion of its graduating classes of 1943, 1944 and 1945. The school is located in Marquette Park.

The school newspaper was called "The Booster" and contained articles written by students in all grades and different rooms. Much of it was written about fathers, uncles and the like in Services in the depths of WW2, purchases of savings stamps and defense bonds.

Howard Siebalt is organizer of the reunion and can be contacted at 708-720-1848. Thus far 24 out of 250 total graduates were found on Internet. The reunion is to take place this fall.

Howard's address is 695 Ivylog Terr. Matteson, Il. 60443.

Academic All-American honors

Two members of the Moraine Valley men's cross country team were selected as Academic All-Americans for 2005 by the National Junior College Cross Country Coaches Association, and the Cyclones men's team ranked ninth in the nation as an Academic All-American team. Over the past five years, Moraine Valley's cross country teams have fielded 16 Academic All-Americans.

Dave Byrnes, of Hickory Hills, and Kyle Kurecki, of Midlothian, were named to the 32-member cross country coaches Academic All-American team. Kevin Deegan, of Tinley Park, Anthony Kmetz, of South Holland, Nick Kwit, of Justice, Byrnes, and Kurecki earned the Academic All-American team designation.

"We are very proud of them," Coach Mark Horstmeyer said. "These young men are simply outstanding. They attend classes full time, work part time, and excel as athletes and students. Their performance on and off the field speaks volumes for the quality of student-athletes they are. I couldn't be more pleased for them. It is a tremendous honor."

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Tinley Park Library news

The youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library presents the Stage-A-Scene program on Thursday, March 30 from 7-8pm. It gives children ages 8-11 a chance to try their hand at performing short plays, skits and improv-with no lines to memorize. Refreshments will be served.

The youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library invites teens in grades 6-12 to enjoy the fun and fantasy of anime and manga during Spring Break Week with a variety of events. Hayao Mizazaki's movie "Spirited Away" is Monday, March 27 at 2pm. Call to register.

On Tuesday, march 28 the traditional art of paper folding "Get Crafty! Origami" is from 7-8:30pm. Materials are furnished. Call to register.

On Wednesday, March 29 the movie "Howl's Moving Castle" is at 2pm. It is based on the book by Diane Wynne and is a story of a woman, wizard and a house that walks. Snacks are served.

The week ends with a "Graphic Novel Discussion" on Thursday, March 30 from 4-4:45pm. Call 708-532-0160 to register. The library is 7851 Timber Drive.

Baseball expert at Tinley Park Library

Author and baseball expert Rich Lindberg will present "White Sox History: From Comiskey to Reinsdorf" at the Tinley Park Library on Sunday, April 2 at 2pm. He will give insights into the history of the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox. Registration begins March 27.

For information or to register, call 708-532-0160 ex 3. The library is 7851 Timber drive in Tinley Park.

Oak Forest approves communications agreement

by Matt Mayer

The Oak Forest City Council approved a two-year contract agreement at the March 14 Oak Forest City Council meeting with Urban Communications, Inc for broadband microwave internet access an agreement to amend the pooling agreement with the Illinois Public Risk Fund was also approved.

The city council approved an ordinance to issue a special use permit as well as a resolution for a class (8) Cook County tax incentive for 15524-26 S. Cicero Ave. A building department request to amend the adopted State of Illinois plumbing code was also approved as well as an ordinance for a rear yard setback at 15580 Nathalie Drive. A resolution for a final plat of subdivision at 14730 Loral Ave within the R- 3 general residential zoning district was also approved.

The city council approved a fire department request to amend the Intergovernmental Automatic Response Agreement between the City of Oak Forest and the Village of Crestwood. An agreement to amend the Intergovernmental Automatic Response Agreement between the City of Oak Forest and the Village of Tinley Park was also approved as well as a police department request to purchase two in-car computers through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. The next meeting is March 21.

Orland Park approves police station funding

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a bid for a $12 million bond sale at the March 6,Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting for the construction of the $15.5 million police station located at the former Consolidated Tile store at 151st and Ravinia Drive. The annual debt service is projected to be approximately $965,000 a year. The first year property taxes levied in 2006 will be collected in 2007; residents will notice a slight increase on their property tax bills of approximately 3 cents per $100 of equalized assessed value. An Orland Park resident with a $300,000 home equates to approximately a $47 property tax increase. However this is an estimate - taxes can vary due to exemptions for property. One half of a $2.5 million grant from the state was also received.

The board approved an intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of the bridge on Southwest Highway over LaGrange Road - near the main street triangle - this is a partial realignment to accommodate commuter parking. The village's portion of the $6.7 million project is $853,374.

Together We Cope Bunny Breakfast

The not-for-profit in Tinley Park, Together We Cope, who help families in crisis is holding its annual Bunny Breakfast. It is held at the Oak Forest High School, 15100 S. Central Avenue, Oak Forest from 8:30 to 11:30am on Saturday, April 8. The fee is $6 for adults and $3 for children. All are invited to attend.

The breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, juice, milk, coffee and sausages. Come and meet the Easter Bunny!

All proceeds go to help families with food, clothing and financial assistance. Call Mary Ann 708-663-5040 for tickets for added information.

Tinley Park Library Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair returns to the Tinley Park Public Library from April 2-9. All proceeds from the book sale, which has books and other merchandise for all ages, will benefit the Youth Services Department and the Summer Reading Club.

Dates and times for the fair are as follows: Saturday, April 1& 8: 9:30am-4pm, Sunday, April 2 & 9, 1:30pm-4pm, Monday-Friday; April 3-7 from 9:30am to 8pm. For added information, call 708-532-0160 x 2. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

New 2006 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide

A bold new design and tour of three of our nation's most historic highways is featured in the all-new 2006 Chicago Southland Visitors Guide, released recently by the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau. Call 708-895-8200 or email info@vissitchicagosouthland.com. to receive a free copy of the 2006 guide.

The guide takes visitors into the Lincoln Highway, the Dixie Highway and Route 66 all of which are located in the Chicago Southland region. The guide gives travelers detailed information on hotels, restaurants, golf courses, recreational areas, cultural institutions, shopping, transportation and services within the region and a variety of maps for convenience. Highlights include concerts at the Tweeter Center, racing at Balmoral Park, Windy City Thunderbolts baseball and the Chicago Fire Soccer Stadium that opens in June.

Village of Orland Park to Host Fit For Life Family Health Fair

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department will host its fifth annual "Fit for Life Family Health Fair" on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. Topics will address the fitness needs of the entire family.

The village's health fair will offer free screenings and information on a variety of health issues including glucose levels, cholesterol, blood pressure and more. Screenings for cholesterol and glucose levels require a twelve hour fast. Nutrition counseling, flexibility testing and injury screenings will be available, along with free aerobics classes.

"An important part of staying healthy is to be screened for potentially dangerous conditions," explained Deborah Graham, Fitness Manager for the Village of Orland Park.

Children are invited to try an obstacle course, sample healthy snacks, have their faces painted, jump in the Dino Jump, and receive Kid Care I.D. cards from the Orland Park Police Department.

"This is a great opportunity to show children the benefits of staying healthy," Graham noted.

"A lot of health fairs tend to be geared towards adults — ours is for everyone," Graham said. "Good fitness, healthy eating and lifestyle habits should start at a young age. We believe if the family can support each other and help each other to stay healthy, it makes for an easier and fulfilling life," she added. More than 200 guests attended last year's fair with participants of all ages enjoying the activities. Raffles will be held for many of the great prizes that are being donated. For more information, contact the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex at 708-645-PLAY.

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 21st: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given [if any] can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* and this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy B.D. Aries born*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Money can become a very important issue this week and next. Deal with Real Estate or estates: offers from out of the blue. A aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Be like the little engine who "could." Tell yourself how wonderful you are or could be. Give yourself a talking to. B aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Read the above message and add this: someone really "wants" your help and/or guidance for a special project. G and J aid.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Perhaps all you need is a good idea to get you back on track. But, if you don't find one, seek out someone who can. M aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Whew! It took time but it got there for you. Okay, now what will you do with it? It is time to buy, or sell. M and R aid.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You know you had your chance at it but walked away from it. Okay, all is not lost, go back and finish it. T helps, ask.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Read the above message and add this: T or someone'L may have withheld the information you needed. Demand truth.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the Leo message and add this: you possess a very secret power that reveals itself to you very soon. A involved.

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Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Collection of Cells

Sharyn says, "Jacki can your psychic ability tell when life in the womb begins? My boyfriend insists that what I am carrying in my body is no more than a 'collection of cells.' My doctor told me I am 'with child' and I am now faced with what I should believe? I am only 17 years old without parents or anyone to help guide me. I live on my own and I waitress for a living. My birthday is June 19." Sharyn, my insight and guides tell me that life begins the very moment of conception as the beginning of life. You are a Gemini, ruled by Mercury, let's say this is the name of the vehicle you use to get around in [your body] but the driver of this vehicle is Leo, ruled by the Sun or #19. Your birthday comes up twice a day on the clock when you receive Universal Energy to keep you alive. This happens at 19 minutes after 6 in the AM and again in the PM. And for everyone, the month you were born in represents the hour and the day is the minutes on the clock. Sharyn, talk to a clergy person.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Spring Training Begins at the Chicago Botanic Garden

With Antiques & Garden Fair "Spring Opener,"
Garden Walks, Hit Events and More

GLENCOE, Ill. (March 20, 2006) - Step up to the plate, get in the swing of spring and pick up tips for shaping up your garden. The Chicago Botanic Garden is where garden and nature fans go for "spring training."

Hundreds of thousands of flowering bulbs in 23 display gardens and three natural habitats show off vibrant colors and send forth delicate scents. Warm up with a walk through McDonald Woods – a diverse oak woodland community inhabited by native wildflowers, birds and butterflies. Hit the Esplanade and Crescent Garden in its first spring, where bulbs transition in waves of color down to the water, or advance through hot-colored tulips in the Betty Brown Meadow near the English-Walled Garden. The Gardens of the Great Basin — another year older and looking better than ever – are another home run. On deck at the Heritage Garden are new English troughs with a riotous display of spring annuals and tulips. The cure for "spring fever" is at the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Grand Slam Events

Even Mother Nature wouldn't miss the Garden's spring opener – the Antiques & Garden Fair. The Midwest's largest gathering of antiques and specialty new products under one roof takes place from Friday, April 21 through Sunday, April 23. A preview evening, featuring continental cuisine, exquisite indoor gardens and treasures for the home and garden, is Thursday, April 20.

More than 100 of the finest and most exciting exhibitors from the United States and Europe display an array of magnificent garden statuary, ornament and furnishings, fountains, architectural artifacts and botanical art. Throughout the high-peaked white pavilion are 10 spectacular interior gardens — from the most traditional lily ponds to contemporary and colorful creations – all designed around the theme of water. Large classical fountains, reflecting pools, ponds and water walls are adorned with antique jars, yew hedges, aquatic plants, ferns and flowers.

World-renowned interior designer Bunny Williams shares how she and her husband, antiques dealer John Rosselli, have transformed a well-worn 18-century New England manor house into a weekend retreat for family and friends. Williams' lecture and booksigning is at Ravinia Festival's Bennett-Gordon Hall at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 21 (event fee applies). She also signs books at the fair at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Exhibitors and experts lead free "booth talks/walks" on a variety of topics at 1:30 p.m. on Friday and at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Antiques & Garden Fair hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A close-of-fair plant sale begins at 5:30 p.m. For information on tickets and parking, call (1-847) 835-8326, or visit the Garden's Web site at www.ohwow.org.

More than 30,000 annuals, ferns, fruits and vegetables, geraniums, herbs, native wildflowers, ornamental grasses, perennials, roses, shade perennials, shrubs and vines are for sale at the 40th annual "A Bloomin' Sale," sponsored by the Woman's Board of the Chicago Horticultural Society. This year's theme is "Hot Picks," highlighting exciting new plants (identified by a hot pink logo) and hot trends for the garden this season. An athletic trainer will demonstrate exercises to get gardeners in shape. The sale is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 20 and 21. Special members-only sale hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 19, and from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 20. "A Bloomin' Sale" catalog will be available online in April. For more information, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/bloomin. "Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America" reopens Saturday, May 13 with new landmarks and layout. Visitors of all ages delight in the sights and sounds of G-scale (for "garden") trains traversing bridges and trestles, detailed scenes of America's best-loved landmarks and beautiful gardens planted in miniature. A perennial favorite, Wrigley Field features a sing-along with Harry Caray and miniature bleachers, fans and ivy wall. The 7,500 square foot exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with special hours until 8 p.m. daily from Monday, June 5 through Sept. 4. Event fee applies.

With its reputation for hosting the most diverse and largest number of plant shows in America, the Garden bats a thousand this spring with the Midwest Fruit Explorers Grafting Workshop on Sunday, April 30, and the Central States Dahlia Society Bulb Sale on Sunday, May 7.

Acclaimed bonsai artist Ivan Watters offers a series of bonsai workshops for all levels. The schedule is as follows: beginners from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on six Sundays from April 9 through May 21 (no class April 16); novice/intermediates from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on six Wednesdays from April 19 through May 24; intermediates from 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays from April 8 through May 20 (no class April 15); advanced from 9 a.m. to noon on six Sundays from April 9 through May 21 (no class April 16). Event fee applies. Call (1-847) 835-8261 for more information or to register.

Play and Learn

With the new Children's Learning Center (located just beyond the Gatehouse) as home base, families have the opportunity to play and learn all over the Chicago Botanic Garden's 385 acres of gardens and lakes.

Families can pick up a spring Eye Spy game/activity card at the Visitor Center and enjoy a walk together anytime the Garden is open. At weekend family classes, adults and children ages 4-10 explore the Chicago Botanic Garden, try out fun activities related to plants and nature, and create art and garden projects to take home. Classes will be offered on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., through May 27 (except April 22). Event fee applies.

For information about "Growing Together" family programs, call (1-847) 835-8363. To register, visit www.chicagobotanic.org/familyprograms.

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Developer to rehab Chicago Ridge apartment building

by Matt Mayer

A developer outlined an apartment condominium conversion plan at the committee meeting prior to the March 7, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The developer has a contract to purchase and completely rehabilitate a 144-unit apartment complex at 10500 S. Brooks Lane. The building owner was cited with 11 counts of criminal housing in December; the owner was also ordered to repair the hundreds of code violations, which the police department has cited over the years. The developer plans on repairing all code violations and will gut the entire complex. All roofs will be replaced as well as new windows, doors, furnaces and air-conditioners. The developer also plans to make a memorial out of the garbage and dirt-filled swimming pool where a child drown in 2004. The units will range in price from $100,000 to $150,000.

The board approved a business license for Avertacard Illinois, an advertising business at the mall. A business license for Nickobees Restaurant, which will relocate in the former Patsby Restaurant at 107th and Southwest Highway, was also approved as well as a Class D liquor license. A resolution for a 6 (B) tax classification for one of the buildings located in the industrial park was also approved. This classification provides a reduced level of assessment to properties that are used primarily for industrial purposes where the owner has substantially rehabilitated an existing facility or occupied an abandoned one. The property receives a 16% assessment level for the first 10 years, 23% in the eleventh year and 30% in the 12th year before returning to the full 36% industrial assessment level in the 13th year. This classification however is difficult to obtain, the potential buyer is an established cabinet manufacturer with approximately 14 employees. The week of March 30 was proclaimed Municipal Clerks Week.

Worth approves Waters Edge renovations

by Matt Mayer

The board approved expenditure at the March 7, Worth Board of Trustees meeting for bar renovations, new tables, and chairs at the championship 18 hole Waters Edge Golf Course clubhouse at 115th and Harlem Ave. Other prior approved amenities include four big screen flat panel HDTV Plasma TV's, and new computers. The clubhouse also has been repainted, recarpeted, and bars stools have been reupholstered and new window treatments have also been added. There is outdoor lighting and a new sign under the patio will illuminate Waters Edge Bar and Grill on one side and the golf course on the other. An outdoor tent is available for larger gatherings and there are indoor banquet facilities available for smaller parties.

The board approved an ordinance authorizing an installment agreement to purchase a new Holland model LB75b Backhoe front end loader as well as the issuance of a 2006, $40,000 general obligation limited tax debt certificate. An ordinance amending the fair housing code was also approved as well as hiring Bob West "Elvis" for $800, for Worth Days. The next meeting is March 21.

Officers installed are Frances Simanonis, Corresponding Secretary (Oak Lawn): Honorary Member Mary Krauchunas(Chicago); Cecelia Matul, President (Orland Park); Genevieve Maluska, Vice President; (Palos Park); Irene Norbut, Secretary (Palos Hills); Frances Simanonis, Corresponding Secretary (Orland Park) and missing Ruth Hoffman, Treasurer (Palos Hills).

Officers installed for Lithuanian Club

In the program year 2006 of the Chicago Lithuanian Women's Club Honorary Member Mary Krauchunas installed the new officers as follows: Cecelia Matul, President; Genevieve Maluska, Vice President; Irene Norbut, Secretary; Ruth Hoffman, Treasurer; Frances Simanonis, Corresponding Secretary, and Elena Cizinaukas, Membership Secretary.

The 83 year-old philanthropic organization, with membership throughout the Chicago metropolitan area continues the tradition of assisting Lithuanian-American causes. For information contact Irene Norbut at 11125 S. O'Gorman Dr. #2-1G Palos Hills, 60465.

McDonald-Linn VFW hosts steak fry

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland hosts a steak fry on Saturday, April 8.2006 from 12-4pm at a cost of $10 a person.

The Easter dinner ham raffle will be held. Call 708-636-3220 for tickets, or come to the Post and see an officer or canteen bartender.

Soccer tournament for children held in Worth

There will be Jetix kids cup 5 vs. 5 youth soccer tournament at the Betty Mattera Sports Complex in Worth on April 8, 2006.

There is still time to sign up a team. by calling 1-866-696-kick or www.jetixkidscup.com

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Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens Prepares for Spring

Volunteers needed to tend gardens, grounds and more.

The first robins have arrived, the turtles have resurfaced and the crocuses are blooming after a long winter at Lake Katherine. With the change of season dedicated volunteers are also returning to prepare the gardens for spring, and are looking for help from community residents.

The Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens will hold a volunteer information and orientation meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 31 in the Brigid ™Malley Auditorium (7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights). The session will cover everything a volunteer needs to know to work in the gardens at Lake Katherine.

"Volunteers are vitally important to what we do at Lake Katherine, remarked Bill Sullivan, executive director for Lake Katherine. "Our gardens thrive under the loving care of these volunteers and are sites to be marveled at."

Volunteers traditionally work on Tuesday and Friday mornings, from early April until the end of October. Under the mentorship of Master Gardeners from the University of Illinois Extension volunteers help with planting, weeding, watering and more. They help tend to the Heritage Garden; the Butterfly Garden; the Conifer Garden; the Waterfall Garden; and several others.

Lake Katherine volunteers come from Palos Heights and throughout the southwest suburbs. All are welcome to attend and learn more about this great opportunity.

For questions or further information contact Lake Katherine at (708) 361-1873.

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Oak Lawn may discard Waste Management

by Matt Mayer

Trustee Bob Streit made a motion at the March 28 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting to authorize the village manager, Gus Sundermeier, to reject bids and made a motion to authorize Sundermeier to negotiate a contract with Onyx Waste Midwest, Inc. commencing on April 1 for refuse, recyclables, landscape waste collection and disposal. A motion was also approved for this item to be opened for discussion.

Streit said that the Sundermeier has located a contractor that is willing and capable to provide the services at a savings of over $162,000 the first year and over $416,000 over three years. This sparked contentious discussions among board members, peppered with questions and jeers from the crowd. The debate became ever more heated when sparring between Trustees Jerry Hurckes and Bob Streit began after Hurckes said, " he would like to see side-by-side comparables - such as transfer stations, trucks and fills. I haven't heard of them until 5 p.m. today," Hurckes said. "And questioned how this company could obtain the trucks and personnel by Monday."

"Maybe you have prior knowledge that I don't have and had time to research this, we're also looking at a $9 billion dollar contract and I think we should go out and rebid this", Hurckes said. "Streit shot back by saying no-bid contracts with Waste Management services were not a problem with Hurckes and the previous board in which Streit was among. Streit also said, " there initially was a request by Sundermeier to provide an extension so we could go through a more comprehensive process." "Waste Management originally said that they would extend service and then they withdrew that offer and told us we had to make a decision by today - or they would stop service on Friday," Streit said.

"Waste Management also said that Sundermeier was advised that if the contract wasn't approved tonight they would be referring this matter to their Legal Department. Now I'm not sure that's how you treat a community that's had your service for at least 30 years", Streit said.

On February 23 the Director of Public Works and Quality Control Lynn Krauss submitted a recommendation to Sundermeier for the board to award the contract to the lowest bidder. Out of the three bids received and publicly opened by the village clerk on Feb 21, Waste Management of Alsip was the lowest at $16.75 per month. Then in the eleventh hour, Sundermeier located Onyx. Upon this item becoming well overcooked, the board took a 30-day general consensus vote to allow Sundermeier time to research this further and present a contract to the board for approval.

Onyx currently provides solid waste and recycling services to the following municipalities Batavia, Deerfield, Golf, Hainesville, Highland Park, H wood, Millcreek, North Chicago, Northbrook, Round Lake Park, St. Charles, Streamwood, Vernon Hills, Waukegan, Wilmette, Winnetka, Winthrop Harbor and Zion. Onyx operates four solid waste collection operations; four transfer stations, and two landfills. Two municipal solid waste land fills are located in Orchard Hills and Zion, both of which accept special waste and asbestos waste materials. Onyx also operates four solid waste transfer stations located in Evanston, Melrose Park, Northbrook and Rolling Meadows. Onyx has aspirations of expanding their services to the Southland. The meeting adjourned at 9:45. The next meeting is April 11.

Burbank Park District news

Afternoon Tea Party for Girls: On Friday, April 7 from 4-5pm girls 4-8 can have a tea party. Delicious finger sandwiches, sweets, and pink tea are on the menu. Bring your favorite doll or stuffed animal friend to the fun event. There is an $8 fee for residents and 410 nonresidents.

Glamour Make-Over: Learn the secrets to looking your best! Each guest will learn basic color techniques, makeup application, the Beauty Control quick and easy "Out the Door" look and much more. The program is on Friday, April 7 from 6:30-7:30pm. The resident fee is $4 and nonresident fee is $6.

For more information call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070. The Burbank Park District is located 8050 South Newcastle.

Oak Lawn Chapter Aglow meets

The speaker for the April 6th meeting of Aglow is Toni Kush. The meeting is at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7. Tickets are $13 and reservations are required. Call June at 708-424-1656.

Toni Kush a spirit filled woman is a mother of 6 and a grandmother of 12. She has a real passion to see people come and grow strong in Christ. This is a change in the meeting date due to Lenten Holy Week services.

Toni will have a message to share, so come and bring a friend to grow in His Word

Darlene & Jerry Jablonski "Sweetheart Couple" Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park

Swing'n Sugar Square Dance Club

Did you know square dancing is the official state dance of Illinois? Darlene & Jerry Jablonski began square dancing a few years ago and round dancing later with Swing'n Sugar Squares Square Dance Club of Evergreen Park. This year they had a great time at the Sweetheart Dance at Shepard High School. Over 400 dancers sashayed, promenaded and do-sa-do'd!

A summer workshop for experienced dancers will begin in June at Evergreen Park Community Center at 3450 W. 97th Street. Beginner classes start at the Evergreen Park Central High School in September.

Come and see how much fun it is to dance to the calls of the Silver Fox, Rick Allison, and the cues of Ron Ashenden. Call John or carol at 708-458-1880 with questions.

Evergreen Park to acquire property

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance, which will provide the acquisition of the former Frank's Nursery and Crafts at 3720 W. 95th St, which is located within the 95th St tax increment redevelopment project area, at the March 20, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. An ordinance to allow the construction of two attached single-family dwellings on the property at 9336 S. Clifton Park Ave. was also approved.

The board approved the following business license requests: Wendy Murray, a licensed acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist, at 9256 S. Kedzie Ave; Glow Dental Chicago Dental Salon, P.C. a dental office at 10004 S. Kedzie Ave; and Rainbow #1423, a retail women's apparel shop, at 2508 W. 94th St.

A request from the Boys Club to host their 2006 opening day festivities on April 29 with a rain date of April 30 at Duffy Park along with a parade originating at Central Junior High School at 9 a.m. was also approved.

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Holliday addresses Oak Lawn Kiwanis

James "Doc" Holliday, Chief Deputy Clerk of the 6th District, Markham, within the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Dorothy Brown, will speak before the Oak Lawn Kiwanis,, Thursday, March 9 at 7pm, following a 6:30 pm dinner at Old Barn Restaurant, located at 8100 S. Parkside in Burbank.

Judy Gonsch, coordinator, announced that Holliday will discuss the workings of the Clerk's office and services provided for Cook County residents.

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Army hometown news

Army Reserve Pfc. Daniel L. Sullivan has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Leo and Mary Lou Wovosel of LaPorte Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. The private is a 2001 graduate of Harold L. Richards High School, Oak Lawn.

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Senator Maloney Honored

Senator Edward D. Maloney of Chicago was presented with the Illinois Association of Park Districts' (IAPD) "2005 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award" at the organization's annual conference on January 27th in Chicago.

Senator Maloney was nominated for the award by his constituent park districts and the IAPD Board of Trustees.

"The association's legislative successes in 2005 would not have been possible without his leadership," said Dr. Ted Flickinger, IAPD's President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are grateful for his support of park districts and recreation opportunities for the citizens of Illinois."

Senator Maloney earned this honor for his support of legislation benefiting park districts and the people they serve. Senator Maloney has been a strong supporter of funding recreational opportunities for the disabled and has fought for continued funding for the Open Space Land Acquisition and Development program.

The "2005 Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award" was presented at IAPD's annual conference, attended by more than 4,200 park and recreation elected officials and professionals at the Hilton Chicago.

IAPD is a nonprofit service, research and educational organization established to advance park districts, forest preserves, conservation and recreation agencies in their ability to preserve natural resources and improve the quality of life for all people in Illinois.

Marie (Mary) Gorman passes

Marie (Mary Margaret) Gorman who called for 50 years Mount Greenwood home passed away last week. Marie not only was a mother of four sons, but also was an activist dedicated to volunteering at schools and elsewhere in her neighborhood.

Mrs. Gorman was active in politics and influential in the election of two daughters-in-law to public office. Her son Gerald, former owner of Midlothian Dodge and Chrysler indicated "She always wanted to see a better world, with love, humility and kindness and she loved God, her church and family." Marie's other sons are Robert and Jim.

Marie's daughter-in-law Cook County Circuit Court Judge Joyce Murphy Gorman indicated "she was a woman of extreme grace and dignity." Marie leaves 11 grandchildren. They were blessed! Farewell!

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have recently become aware that there is a movement afoot in Palos Hills which I find rather alarming. A referendum will appear on the ballot in the March primary election that calls for the reduction by half of the City Council. Taken at face value, this may not seem to be a bad idea. Upon reflection on the implications of such an event, however, it would seem to be a very bad idea, indeed.

At present, there are five wards in Palos Hills, each represented by two aldermen. Since the position of alderman is a part-time one - nearly all of them have a day job - it is difficult to imagine that any one alderman could do a job that currently requites the time and expertise of two aldermen.

Even more disturbing is the idea of a narrower perspective on the City Council. While the ten members of the current City Council do not always agree on every issue, they manage, through civilized debate, to reach a consensus, and there are enough of them to bring a broad perspective to the issue in question. Were there only five aldermen, the perspective, in my opinion, would be too narrow.

In addition, people do get sick, go on vacation, or have family emergencies that require them to be absent. Were this to happen, no doubt, many City Council meetings would have to be canceled, often at the last minute, for want of a quorum. Even if there were a quorum, I find it alarming that three people would be regarded as being enough to make important decisions that would affect us all.

Finally, I am disappointed that Mayor Bennett and the current members of the City Council do not appear to be taking this matter seriously enough to educate the residents of Palos Hills about the implications of cutting the City Council in half. If the referendum were to pass, it could spell disaster for the functioning of our local government and, as a result, for the residents of Palos Hills.

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Oak Lawn Chamber sponsors showcase

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Business Showcase, its 7th, on Saturday, April 8th from 10am to 4pm in the Spartan Gym of the Oak Lawn Community High School. More than 50 businesses are expected to participate in showing their various products and services.

"The Chamber encourages area residents to "Shop Oak Lawn" and the business Showcase presents an ideal opportunity to meet with local leaders and learn about their offerings" indicates George Cachares, Showcase chairman.

The Oak Lawn Chamber will use a portion of the proceeds from the showcase to award two $500 college scholarships to eligible Oak Lawn residents. The Business Showcase is held in conjunction with the Spring Arts and Crafts Fair, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher School Association.

There are activities and giveaways for children along with the Easter Bunny for photos. For information and applications, call the chamber office at 708-424-8300. Booth fee is $85 for Chamber members and $170 for non-members.

As a special for nonmembers who wish to become Chamber members, the $170 is applied to the first year membership dues. The Oak Lawn Chamber was founded in 1946 and as of today has over 300 members. It works to promote and improve the economic atmosphere of busines climate and image of Oak Lawn.

Little Company Hosts Adult Health Fair

Little Company of Mary Hospital Health Education Center is hosting its Adult Health Fair on Saturday, April 22 from 8-11 am. Free screening for height, weight, oximetry and blood pressure will be offered as well as colon cancer detection take-home kits.

Health programs at Westfield Shopping Mall

Healthy heart screening is offered every Tuesday from 8:30-10:30am and Wednesday 7:30-10:30am. Screening includes blood oxygen level, comprehensive cholesterol and chemistry lab tests, body composition analysis and a health risk appraisal. You receive fasting instructions when you make your appointment. There is a $40 fee. Test value is $300.

Sit your way to fitness: The program offers light exercise for people with arthritis or other conditions. Call for fees and class schedule.

Body composition analysis; This test calculates your body fat and lean mass and includes a plan for reaching your ideal mass level. There is a $25 fee.

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Call 708-423-5774 for reservations or information on the programs sponsored by Little Company of Mary Hospital at Westfield Mall in Chicago Ridge.

PLOWS & American Red Cross combine

The OCS in Evergreen Park will host a free Caregivers' Training Course designed by the American Red Cross and led by PLOWS Caregiver Specialist, Rachel Guimond.

Call OCS at 708-422-8776. Sessions begin at 1pm and last about an hour. The topics covered are: April 4; Assisting with personal care; April 11: Legal and financial issues; April 18; Caring for some with Alzheimer's/Dementia and April 25: Caring for the caregiver.

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Oak Lawn Community Church Easter Egg Hunt

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OCS offers safe defensive driving

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OCS features reduced fare registration

On Wednesday, May 31 (11am-1pm) staff from the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) will be at the OCS, 3450 W 97th St. conduction registration for seniors interested in the reduced fare program. The program enables seniors (65 and over) to ride the CTA, Metra or Pace transit systems for half fare.

There is no charge. Call OCS to register at 708-422-8776 so they will know number attending.

To register, bring your Medicare Card, Driver License or State ID and a Passport or other photo ID.

Your photo will be taken and affixed to your reduced fare permit. It will be mailed and expect arrival in four weeks.

Oak Lawn Rotary scholarship applications available

The Oak Lawn Rotary Club once again is accepting applications for college scholarships. Students must reside in Oak Lawn or Hometown but can attend any high school. Download the application from the web at www.oaklawnrotary.org. Go to News and Event page. The deadline is April 26 for mail back. For further information call Terry Bartolina at 708-425-7474. The Oak Lawn Rotary Club awards a number of $1000 scholarships each year to students in the area.

The Oak Lawn Rotary Club meets on each Monday at 12:15 at the Oak Lawn Hilton. Cost for lunch is $13. There are weekly speakers on a wide variety of topics.

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If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me at my district office. The direct number is 708-396-2822.Thank you again for your trust and support.

Sincerely,

Robert "Bob" Rita (State Representatiive-28th District-Democrat)

Mt Greenwood Garden Club meets

The Mt Greenwood Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting at the Mr. Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie on Thursday, April 13, 2006 at 6:30pm. Cathy Barbeauld Sinbeus is the speaker.

Cathy is a Master gardener through the University of Illinois Extension Program and has attended the Joliet Horticulture Program. This meeting topic is on grasses. The meeting is open to members and future members. For information call 773-429-1141.

Hilton hosts Spring Showcase

On April 9, 2006 from 9am to 4pm the Hilton will host a new and exciting show, The Hilton Spring Showcase. Admission is $2 and children under 10 are free, The show features crafts, spring décor, Easter gifts, beauty and fashion accessories, children's items, foods, jewelry, antiques and collectibles. A new feature is a garden sale featuring garden accessories, plants and garden décor.

Whitney's Restaurant offers a Breakfast buffet from 8am to 1:45pm and a Buffet Luncheon from noon to 3pm. Call 708-425-7800 for additional information.

The "Fashionable Lunch" series with fashions by Bellissimo of Oak Lawn is at Whitney's Restaurant on April 12 and 26 and May 10 and 24 from 12 to 1:30pm. Call 708-229-8888 for reservations.

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 4th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You can look forward to taking the lead in a family matter. Tell things like they are, you have no need to hide anything! B aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Put the past behind you and don't look back at yesterday with awe or regret. Move on. Anticipate nothing but good. L aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This can be a magical week for you where what you put into your mind comes through to you. Think Lavender…think Peace.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: What seems awkward now turns out graceful and appreciated with family members and co-workers. Speak up! V aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: This is not a week to look back at those "might-have-beens." This week is a mirror of wonderful things to come. J aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Heaven is a thought away, and, this week you seem to feel the impact of many people who need this truth. J & P aid.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Turn away from pessimistic thought and people who seem to enjoy bringing you down, or, you'll regret it. B aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: 3 wonderful things come your way: love improves, health improves, money comes too. Believe! F and A involved.

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Tickets are $50 and available at the Brother Rice Development Office. Only 1500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held at the big dance on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Winners need not to be present.

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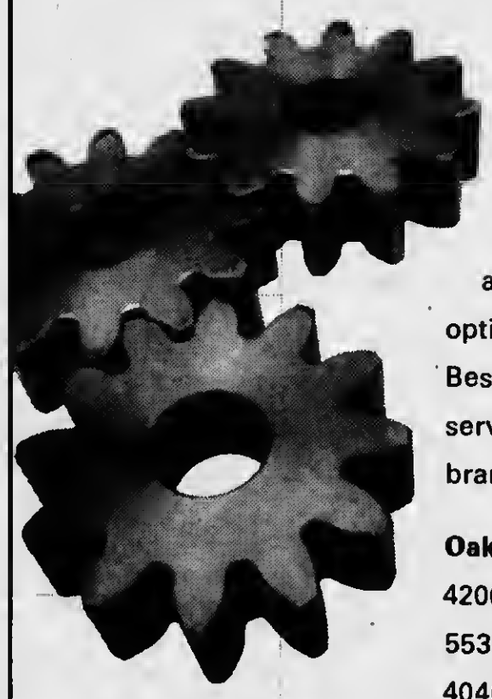

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A View from the judge's chair

by Marijo Doody

The technological replacement for "chads" needs a lot of work as we experienced in the recent primary elections. The touch-screen machine in the precinct that I was assigned to be an election judge did not work for the first four (4) hours of election time. By around 4pm and after numerous calls and various persons looking at the machine it worked!

Our concern was that after the close, the card scanner would be able to merge results from both the optical-scanner and the touch-screen. With the paper ballots fed into the optical-scan machine, many were rejected because of frayed edges and in some cases the override allowed the ballots to be counted.

After closing the poll, the absentee ballots processed did not go through the scanner due to frayed edges, and had to be redone with two judges and then processed. Then the fun and waiting came! Five (5) tapes were supposed to be printed! We got one (1) tape and then waited. We did not get another printed tape after a wait of three hours. At least we did not run out of tape as some polling places did as we heard later in the evening.

After 3-1/2 hours after the poll closed, the technical and supply judges left with the blue bag, scanner and card machine along with other documents to the regional headquarters to turn in materials. This was after 10pm and lines were long and other judges indicated it would be a 45- minute wait for processing.

We heard horror stories from other veteran judges on maybe that they should bring back the "chads" and use the non-electronic voting. It was a mess!

At precinct 54, (2) Two State's Attorney visited us and there were no irregularities. We had close to a 30% turnout with 25% using the touch-screen and the remainder paper ballots and scanner. About 10% of the voters came in the handicapped entrance as in the dark they could not see the other entrance sign.

Voters came to exercise their right as an American to vote! Fellow citizens were patient in waiting and in learning how to use the touch-screen, when it worked, with a judge's instructions. The majority favored paper ballots, however they were bulky and maybe could have been two pages.

We heard from other judges in polling places that voters could not get in as some doors locked from the inside and I wonder how many did not vote because of this as they did not want to wait!

Fellow judges, Diane, Colette and Jackie need to be commended for their diligence in applying themselves to the task. It was a long day from 5am to after 11pm when we arrived home. Our hope is they get rid of all the bugs in the electronic system for the next election. Perhaps there will be some economic ramifications in the County seat with funding from the numerous malfunctioning machines.

With the anticipation of a larger turnout for the November election, there should be more training for judges; additional judges and some have advocated higher pay for the judges.

Caring Americans are a political force to be reckoned with and not to be ignored. We need to take a stand on what and on whom we believe. God Bless the USA!

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On April 19, Rachael Rosenberg from Safer Pest Control will be out to talk to residents about organic lawn care. The meeting is in the Village Hall at 6:30pm. Organic methods and products are easy to use, cost effective and keep a lawn healthy from the bottom up.

On May 5 and 6, the Village along with F-Scrap Technologies will hold an electronics recycling drive. It will be at Yukich Fields, 90th Kedzie from 8am to 4pm. Items accepted at no charge are all PC and computer peripherals, 15" and 17" monitors, networking equipment, stereo and home entertainment equipment, phone equipment, cell phones and cell phonics. Other items will be accepted but at a charge.

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SUNDAY AT MOM'S

by Kathy Whirity

One thing I could always count on was Sunday dinners at Mom's. That was the day our family got together, feasted on a big meal of turkey, or some variety of roast, and afterward we'd play a few games of cards. It was my mother's favorite thing to do.

When Mom became a grandmother all the cousins played downstairs together while we adults enjoyed each other's company.

Today, as I put a turkey in the oven I thought about those days gone by, at my mother's house on Sundays.

It seems as though my family get togethers these days are becoming few and far between. The girls, with their busy schedules, don't have much free time.

Lately we see them long enough for them to catch up on their laundry and then they're off - working, running erands or hanging out with their friends.

I gave them fair notice that I was fixing a turkey today and soon they'll be here for dinner.

I thought coming to terms with our daughter's upcoming wedding would slowly ease us into our new role as empty nesters. Then the youngest informed us that she'll be moving out; into her own apartment. Up north is where it's at for the twenty something set, so with first month's rent and security deposit paid, she'll be moving away from home at the end of the month.

The expression, 'When It Rains It Pours,' is showering my senses with a new reality that is accousting my essence of motherhood.

Just like that, the house that use to boast a revolving door will now slam quietly shut.

I guess if I tried really hard I'd find reasons to celebrate this newfound independence. There will be more dinners for two and less time clearing up the mysterious clutter that nobody makes.

I tell myself that now can be the opportunity to 'find' myself again - to do some of the things I put on hold to raise my kids.

Bill and I can plan mini trips; sight-seeing our way through the senior years.

As enticing as all this sounds I can't help but enter this new phase of life with just a tinge of trepidation.

Sure it will be nice to have some extra closet pace, though I'll miss my daughter taking up space on my bed as we engaged in late night chats.

Today as I set the table and check on the turkey I'm thinking of my mother and wondering if this is how she felt as her own nest emptied out.

My daughters are moving out into lives of their own. But I hope they will find the same comfort in the familiar routine of coming home for dinner as I did many years ago. Today, as I find myself walking in step with my mother, I now know how she felt.

I also know why it was so important to reserve a special day of togetherness while welcoming all the new beginnings that may await me. I'm looking forward to the future when good times will be shared on Sundays at mom's.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Motherhood — If it was going to be easy it never would have started with something called labor! (author unknown.)

Maloney's Emeralds Park follow-up bill creates a review process

A bill sponsored by State Senator Edward D. Maloney (D-Chicago) that extends the process for screening sex offenders and other violent offenders before they are able to reside in nursing homes or long term care facilities has passes the Illinois Senate.

The legislation also creates a review process for evaluating the individual's criminal history, so that the Department of Health can analyze the nature and extent of the risk, if any presented by the person in question.

Maloney said; "when we created the review process a year ago following the incident in Evergreen Park, we did it because it made sense that you should screen potential residents, before they became residents in order to prevent a situation before it occurs and that bill had a sunset date of 2006"." This bill extends that system indefinitely and provides a review process for evaluating risk. I urge the government to sign it without delay."

Maloney continues, " this is all about finding an appropriate and proportional response, if the resident is 80 years old and stole a car, as a teenager, but does not have any other offense on his record to speak of, then that would be treated in a different manner than a resident who has a history of violence.. In that case, steps would be taken to find a more suitable venue for their care." The bill now goes to the governor to be signed into law.

Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce scholarship program

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Industry is sponsoring its annual scholarship program. Applications are currently available. Application deadline is May 5, 2006.

To obtain an application or for more information, call the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce office at 708-598-1700 or visit the web at www.bridgeviewchamber.com. The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce is located 7300 W 87th St.

Library Holiday Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Easter Sunday, April 16. Regular hours on all other dates.

The library is open: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., mid-September through mid-May.

Revisit "The White City"

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will host "Looking Back on The White City: Art and Architecture at the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago" 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 19. Free admission. Lower level meeting room.

The recent book, "The Devil in the White City" has ignited a resurgence of popular interest in the World's Fair that was held in Chicago during 1893. Art historian Jeff Mishur of Art Excursions, Inc. will present an educational slide lecture program that explores the fairgrounds design, important personalities such as Daniel Burnham and Louis Sullivan, select artwork that was on display and the Woman's Pavilion.A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Annual Used Book Sale

You won't want to miss the great selection of books and other media at bargain prices offered at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Annual Used Book Sale, April 20, 21 and 22 in the lower level meeting room of the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

Grease was sold out

The recent production of "Grease" put on by the Evergreen Park High School Players was sold out!

The kids did a great job and perhaps consideration should be given to two weekends for the next musical. There is a lot of talent in the student body.

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Alumni Memorial Mass at St Laurence

St Laurence High School and the Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual solemn mass of remembrance, honoring deceased alumni of the school, on Saturday, April 22 at 4:30pm in the school library. Father Norm Trela, the school's Chaplain will celebrate the service.

A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the outdoor memorial, weather permitting. Refreshments will be served.

Family, friends and relatives of deceased alumni of St. Laurence are welcome to attend. Call the office for Mr. Ed Kozak at 708-458-6900 ex 244 to reserve of if you have questions.

American Cancer Society letter to editor

Dear editor,

The American Cancer Society congratulates the cook County Board of Commissioners for passing 100% comprehensive smoke-free ordinance that will save lives. While the delayed implementation plan is unfortunate, the content of the ordinance builds on the momentum across the state, the US and the world to embrace smoke-free air and help innocent victims avoid deadly diseases caused by tobacco use.

The American Cancer Society stands ready to assist any municipality that seeks to adopt comprehensive smoke-free policies. We commend the owners of many restaurants, bars and other institutions that aren't waiting for laws; they're adopting smoke-free policies because it is the right thing to do to protect their workers and patrons from hazardous toxins contained in secondhand smoke.

As the leading cancer-fighting organization in Illinois and the nation, the American cancer society remains relentless in our mission to save lives, prevent cancer, and diminish suffering from cancer. We appreciate the commitment by the Cook County commissioners to do just that.

Emilo Barrera, MD., President, American Cancer Society's Illinois Division.

Ed note: The Cook County Board passed the resolution March 15, 2006 and it will go into effect in one year and will exclude municipalities that already have enacted smoking restrictions, including Chicago, Evanston, Skokie, Wilmette, Arlington Heights, Oak Park and Orland Park. What about other towns!

Trinity Irish Dancers with Martha Stewart!!

Several star Trinity Irish Dancers from the Chicago area and surrounding suburbs just returned from an exciting trip to New York where they appeared on the Martha Stewart Show.

In two weeks, several students from the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance will travel to Belfast, Ireland to compete at the World Irish Dance Championships. The World Irish Dance Championships, currently in its 36th year, is a prestigious eight day festival comprised of 35 competitions. With over 2,000 solo competitors and 2,000 team dancers ranging in ages from under 11 to 21, the World Irish Dance Championships present all that is best in Irish dancing.

Since its inception, Trinity Academy of Irish Dance has collected an unprecedented 24 World team titles at the World Irish Dance Championships. Last year, they were honored with eight World, six solo and two team titles. After receiving high marks during preliminary competitions, the Trinity Irish Dancers are eager to showcase their talents on an international level. Howard and the Trinity Academy have little reason to doubt the young, gifted dancers will be among the top contenders at this year's World Irish Dance Championships.

Trinity Academy of Irish Dance is recognized as a leader among Irish dance schools worldwide. In Trinity's unique program, instructors focus on the importance of having fun while developing self-respect and confidence in their students. A key component of the Trinity program is a focus on empowerment that teaches students life lessons both on and off the dance floor. The by product of Trinity's approach has been a wealth of success for the school, both in competitions and in a wide array of media outlets.

Founded nearly 25 years ago, Trinity Academy of Irish Dance began with 20 students in a church basement and a gifted teacher with great vision - Mark Howard. Over time, a very clear philosophy of instruction developed into a truly innovative program, which continues to be practiced in each classroom today. Trinity Academy of Irish Dance is one of the most highly acclaimed Irish dance schools in the world. Trinity Academy is the first and only American team to have brought home gold for the United States. Despite its international fame, the Trinity Academy upholds a supportive, grounded program that welcomes dancers of all skill levels and abilities.

The Academy dancers have been featured numerous times on major network shows including "The Tonight Show," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "Live with Regis," "CBS This Morning," "Good Morning America" and most recently, "MARTrinity Academy of Irish Dance is now accepting new enrollment for summer and fall programs in Illinois and Wisconsin. Our Illinois locations are in Northwest Chicago, Lakeview, Evanston, Arlington Heights, Western Springs, Downers Grove and new locations in Northfield and Bridgeport. Our Wisconsin locations are in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Madison, a new location in Cedarburg and several satellite Milwaukee area locations soon to be announced. For more information please call 773.774.5961 or 877.326.2328 or visit the Trinity website at www.trinityirishdancers.com <http://www.trinityirishdancers.com/>.

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Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil
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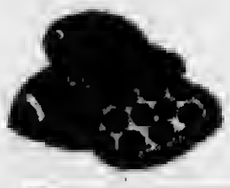

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Good Friday, April 14
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3:00 p.m. - Stations of The Cross
7:30 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 15
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer
12:00 Noon - Blessing of The Easter Baskets
7:30 pm. - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 16
Masses: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Elmo's Coloring Book comes to Merrillville. Children of all ages are invited on a colorful journey with Elmo, Zoe, Oscar, Big Bird and the rest of Seasame Street Live friends in VEE's Corporation's "Elmo's Coloring Book" at Star Plaza Theatre from Wednesday, April 26 to Sunday, April 30 at the Merrillville Indiana theatre. Tickets are $16. Wed-Fri performances are 10:30am and 7pm. Sat-Sun performances are 1 and 4:30pm. Call the Star Plaza Theatre Box Office at 219-769-6600 or 773-734-7266 for tickets.

Rent comes to Palace

"Rent" the Tony and Pulitzer Award winner Broadway musical comes to the Cadillac Palace Theatre at 151 W. Randolph for a limited run April 5 to 15, 2006.

The New York Times called it "the best thing that has happened to the Broadway musical in a long time and it justifies every bit of attention that has been lavished on it and it shimmers with hope for the future of the American musical."

"Rent" received its world premiere off-Broadway in 1996. It rapidly sold out and transferred to Broadway. It is now the 8th longest running show in Broadway history.

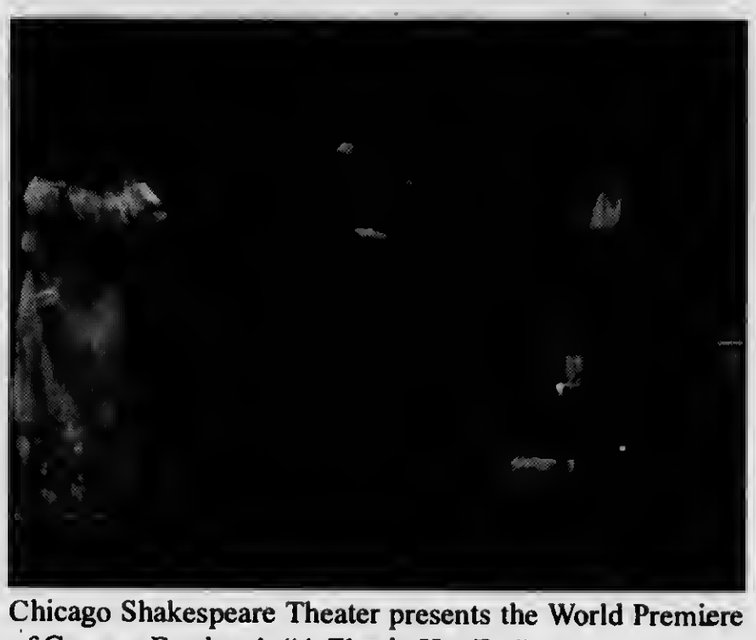
Tickets are $22.50-$68. Call Broadway in Chicago Ticket Line at 312-902-1400.

"Barbie" comes to Auditorium Theatre

"Barbie Live in Fairytopia" comes to the Auditorium Theatre April 11-16, 2006. The Broadway in Chicago event features actress Erin Elizabeth Coors as the lead role. Coors is a Kent State graduate with a degree in voice and dance with an emphasis in acting. She indicates she is a Barbie fan and had a large collection!

"Barbie" stars as the flower fairy who longs to have wings and embarks on a musical adventure to save her land. She travels on a butterfly and meets many wonderful people and things. Can she save all of Fairytopia?

Tickets range from $10-$49.50. Call the box office Broadway in Chicago ticket line at 312-902-1400.



Chicago Shakespeare Theater presents the World Premiere of Georges Feydeau's "A Flea in Her Ear"

A frisky farce is in the Flea

by Marijo Doody

Chicago Shakespeare Theatre 's current production run is a revival of the comedic, classic French farce "A Flea in Her Ear." It has a large cast with many excellent performances, great sets and costuming. Much energy is spent in the 2 plus hours of production.

The farce encompasses adultery and lots of mixed identities. The original script revision from 1907 was done by Georges Feydeau and is now in contemporary form, with the handiwork of playwright David Ives.

The audience can hardly keep up with the pace of action. One dual-character roll, played by actor John Hall, comes in and out with different costuming. In a discussion with Mr. Hall after the production, he indicated there were three (3) dressers for him in the wings for the fast changes. Hall plays both Victor Chandebise and Poche. We had previously met at another CST performance.

In the play, Victor experiences impotency and his wife, Raymonde (Linda Hart) thinks he is being unfaithful. She involves her best friend, Lucienne Homenides de Histangus (Ona Jones) a great performance, who happens to be married to a jealous Spaniard, Don Carlos (Anthony Crivello).

They all end up chasing each other in the second act as the play is set at the three floors Frisky Puss Hotel, a seedy place. Victor's speech-challenged nephew, Camille (Rick Boynton), joins them. He is marvelous!

The actors are sensational, in particularly Ona Jones and Anthony Crivello. There are a great many laughs and it is a fine medicine. No expense was sparred in creating lavish sets and zany costumes. The drawing room takes one back in time!

The production runs through April 23 and tickets are $48-$65. Call 312-595-5600 to reserve.

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Orland Park approves Independence Day spectacular

by Matt Mayer

The board approved waiving the bidding process at the March 20, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting and accept the quote from Record-A-Hit of Elk Grove Village for $6,000.00 to provide children's attractions on July 3 and 4, with a clause for an automatic renewal on the annual anniversary date for two consecutive years, at a cost not to exceed the budgeted amounts, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract-unless the village exercises its right not to renew. A request to waive the bidding process and award a contract to Melrose Pyrotechnics, Inc of Kingbury, In for $23,000 for pyrotechnical services on July 4 was also approved.

The board approved a contract with Zenon Company of Buffalo Grove for $9,997.08 to purchase chaise lounge chairs for Centennial Park Aquatic Center, as well as a contract with Tadas Wood Flooring, Inc of La Grange for a cost not to exceed $13,200 for the installation of wood flooring in the Orland Park Arts Center, the former library site. A contract was also awarded to Bechstein Construction Corporation of Tinley Park for $33,000 for the demolition of the Door and Window building at 14100 S. LaGrange Rd. as well as a contract to demolish Americas Tire and Battery at 14200 S. LaGrange Rd. This is part of the METRA Triangle Redevelopment tax increment financing (TIF) district. A 3.5% general pay increase for nonunion salary ranges was also approved effective May 5. On March 28, 2006, The Oak Forest City Council unanimously approved a developmental agreement between the City and developer M.A. Ghalayini Builders and Designers. The Developer had approached the City in 2003 to develop a long standing vacant lot along 159th Street

St. Martin's grammar school is still remembered and spoken about at a monthly meeting with interested graduates from that school. St. Martin graduates are from classes 1939 through 1956. Pictured above are graduates from 1956 which includes, Carol Staudemeir Bronec, St. Charles, IL; Frances Boehm Dennis from Tinley Park; Annette Stella Dixon, Evergreen Park; Carol Leach Broadway, Orland Park. Interested guests can meet the last Monday of every month at Hackney's Restaurant, 123rd and LaGrange Road at 12:00 noon.

Oak Forest purchases fire department equipment

by Matt Mayer

The city council approved a fire department request at the March 28, Oak Forest City Council meeting to purchase equipment for the new fire engine 963; the funds will be obtained from the capital improvement program. A resolution request to update the official City of Oak Forest map dated March 28 was approved as well as a resolution for a development agreement with M.A. Ghalayini Builders and Designers at 5310 and 5240 W. 159th St.On March 28, 2006, The Oak Forest City Council unanimously approved a developmental agreement between the City and developer M.A. Ghalayini Builders and Designers. The Developer had approached the City in 2003 to develop a long standing vacant lot along 159th Street.

In 2005, the developer brought forth a site plan for a self-storage facility. The City noted the project needed to be enhanced due to the lack of sales tax being generated from the proposed self-storage facility. The developer was able to acquire the adjacent property where an oil change operation had been sitting empty for the last several years. The developer redesigned the site plan to include a 7,500 square foot retail center with the self storage facility. After several months of refining the project, the City decided to enter into a developmental agreement that spelled out the conditions and the requirements for the site plan.

The City was able to have the developer landscape the site as well as screen the entire self-storage facility, contribute an in-lieu of sales tax amount that begins at $15,000 a year and escalates by the Consumer Price Index or a three percent minimum, and install streetscape, including ornamental street lighting, brickpavers, and the lighting infrastructure along 159th Street. Once the project is completed, an additional $100,000 of property tax will be generated.

The City welcomes an opportunity of this nature. Though, it had some challenges in the beginning, the results will be enjoyed by all. It is quite clear the City of Oak Forest is beginning to see activity from the development community.

The city council approved a police department request for a stop sign at 156th St. and Waverly Ave. as well as the purchase of four Motorola laptops and docking stations for the public works SCADA system water department pumping stations.

The city council approved a request for a tag day and candy day fund-raiser for Park Lawn on April 14 and 15 and April 21 and 22 as well as a request for a candy day fund-raiser for Misericordia Heart of Mercy Center on April 28 and 29. The month of April was also proclaimed National Donate Life Month and Parliamentary Law Month. The next meeting is April 11.

Identity theft information seminar

So many people seem to think that bad things will happen to other people and not to them. Unfortunately, that's not always the case. More and more people have become the victims of identity theft and have had to deal with the harsh reality of trying to take back their own good name and credit. Don't let it happen to you.

The Village of Orland Park Mayor's Office of Special Services in cooperation with the Orland Park Police Department, will host "When Bad Things Happen to Your Good Name," an identity theft information seminar at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

Orland Park Police Sergeant Patrick Duggan and Investigator Scott Malmborg will present an informational seminar on identity theft and how to prevent becoming a victim. The free seminar will include information on how identity theft occurs, how to minimize the risks, what to do if you are a victim, where to go for help and resolving credit problems. Also included will be information on choosing whether or not to share your personal information and a special word about lost or stolen checks. Learn how to protect yourself against someone trying to steal your identity and credit.

For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Tinley Park Library

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Public Library invites then whole family to celebrate Earth day at Reptile Rampage on Saturday, April 22 from 3-4 pm. Jamie McInerney of Reptile rampage will bring a variety of interesting creatures to the library and talk about their habitats

Kids will get a rainforest craft to take home. Registration begins Monday, April 10. For additional information, call 708-0160 x 2 to register or by email at youth service@tplibrary.org.

The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

News from Acorn Public Library in Oak Forest

The Youth Services Department invites you to celebrate National. Library Week at Acorn Public Library the week of April 3-8! Be a librarian on Wednesday, April 5 for an hour. Enter the drawing. On Thursday, make a librarian laugh. Tell a joke and win a prize. On Friday, April 7 after school from 3:30 make read-

(refer to OF Library on this page.)

OF Library

ing bookmark. Register for the program. On Saturday, April 8 there is a family drop in craft from 11am to 2pm. Bring mom and dad! Make an Easter picture frame. Register for the program The phone is 708-687-3700.

On Friday, April 14, 2006 at 1:30 pm is movie day.

The Acorn Public Library is located 15624 S. Central Ave. , Oak Forest .

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for March 4th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You can look forward to taking the lead in a family matter. Tell things like they are, you have no need to hide anything! B aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Put the past behind you and don't look back at yesterday with awe or regret. Move on. Anticipate nothing but good. L aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This can be a magical week for you where what you put into your mind comes through to you. Think Lavender…think Peace.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: What seems awkward now turns out graceful and appreciated with family members and co-workers. Speak up! V aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: This is not a week to look back at those "might-have-beens." This week is a mirror of wonderful things to come. J aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Heaven is a thought away, and, this week you seem to feel the impact of many people who need this truth. J & P aid.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Turn away from pessimistic thought and people who seem to enjoy bringing you down, or, you'll regret it. B aids.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: 3 wonderful things come your way: love improves, health improves, money comes too. Believe! F and A involved.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: This can be a "money week" where you spend it or win it, find it or borrow it. Someone M and/or J could be a big help if you ask.

Ask for a Brochure on my Psychic Services [in office & by phone], Hypnotherapy & Psychic Counseling & self-help tapes. Call 708-597-5866. Use *ePSYCHICanswers* for 1 or 2 questions online [*JackiMari.Com*]. *Psychic House Parties* for 5 to 9 people [& larger] & appearances for your Club or Organization. It's fun, it's informative & audience questions answered. You can also write to me at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454.
"One-on-One Psychic Mini-Sessions"* at *Oak Forest Bowl* [152nd & S. Cicero] 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm [next is April 17th]. *"Telefriend."* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Need good and profitable ideas to help, or save, your business? Ask about *"Idea Genii."

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"If there are Light Angels and Dark Angels, then there must be no 'In-between' Angels. This seems to be telling us that we are either good or we are bad people who'll lean to the Light or the Dark angels for help or guidance. We obviously have a choice, right? I ask this because, simply put, I see so much hatefulness, corruption and greed that I can't seem to become optimistic over anything anymore. Please forgive me if I sound like a negative person but I think about such things a lot. I am seeking someone who can help me to deal with this life I came into. Can you offer a little light to someone caught up in darkness?" Janetta Lee. My answer: You cannot change people, the world, or a mind that is made up to either be or do evil [things]. But, you can do what is right for yourself and those you come in contact with. Inspire others to be kinder, gentler, smarter, healthier and happier, as well as turning back to their Creator. Give past guilt and anger the boot or, they'll control you.
Jacki Mari & Alyn

Ragtime comes to Harald Viking in Tinley Park

by Marijo Doody

Mark your calendar! The second program of Ragtime comes to Harald Viking in Tinley Park is Saturday, April 22 at 2pm. Last year the benefit drew over 250 listeners. Ragtime is that period of music during the Scott Joplin era. Everyone remembers "The Sting!"

The Ladies Auxiliary of Harald Viking is sponsoring the event. In performance are numerous pianists and vocalists including: Paul Asaro from Champaign, Il, John De Chiaro from Hattiesburg, Ms, Tracy Doyle from Love's Park Il., Sue Keller,of Oak Forest, Il., Dave Majchrzak of St Louis Mo., Bev Opelka from Palos Park Il., Steve Stanford of Marshfield Wi., and Dick Zimmerman from Love's Park, Il.

Many of the artists have recorded CD's and most certainly are willing to share their treasury of great music.

Sue Keller coordinated the event last year and I can remember the Auxiliary Ladies indicating "lets do this again it was such fun and we raised funds for a scholarship."

Tickets are $15 and can be gotten from Sue Keller. Call 708-712-2556. Advanced tickets are suggested as it could sell out! Harald Viking is located 6730 W. 175th St. Tinley Park.

Pianos for the event are provided by Pearson's Piano Shop.

Tinley Park Library news

In celebration of National Poetry Month, poet and local resident Don Lundquist will read his Poetry at the Tinley Park Public Library on Monday, April 10 at 7pm. Lundquest is the author of "At Least He Shuts Up When He Writes", a book of delightfully quirky poetry. For information call 708-532-0160 x3.

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library will host Movies at the Library on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30pm for children ages 8-11. The film runs 85 minutes and is G rated. Registration begins April 10. Call 708-532-0160 x2.

Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library invites teens in grades 6-12 to explore their crafty sides-making things out of ribbon- on Tuesday, April 18 from 7-8:30pm. Registration begins April 10. Call 708-532-0160 x2.

Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library is looking for volunteers to assist with its Summer Reading Club. It is perfect for students needing volunteer hours for church or school. A range of volunteer opportunities is available and can fit into any schedule. Applications are available starting April 10. Call 708-532-0160 x2. The library is located 7851 Timber Drive in Tinley Park.

Orland Park Police Serve to Benefit Illinois Special Olympics

The public is invited to join the Orland Park Police Department and Red Lobster for the annual Cops & Lobsters Benefit for Illinois Special Olympics on Thursday and Friday, March 30th and 31st at the Orland Park Red Lobster, 148th and LaGrange Road. Orland Park Police personnel and their family members will be serving tables from 5:30 p.m. until closing.

The Cops and Lobsters event is held each year to raise funds that go directly to the Illinois Special Olympics program. This program enables thousand of special Olympians to participate in events around the state and to win medals and awards for their achievements.

A special booth will be set up in Red Lobster where commemorative items such as Torch Run t-shirts, baseball caps and pins will be available for purchase to help raise funds. Officers will also be selling $10.00 raffle tickets to benefit the Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics that will take place on June 13, 2006. First prize is a 2006 Harley Davidson FXD 35th Anniversary Edition SuperGlide Motorcycle (only 3500 of these are being manufactured) or $10,000.00 cash. Second prize is $1,000.00 and third prize is $500.00. Prize drawing will be held October 20, 2006 in Bloomington-Normal, Illinois. Winner need not be present.

Orland Park's Presbyterian Church holds sale

The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, located at 13401 S. Wolf Road will hold their annual rummage sale on Saturday, April 8 from 7:30am to 3:30pm. For information call 708-448-8142.

Due to Wolf Road closures, please take 131st Street south on to Wolf Road, in Orland Park.

Tinley Park Library holds concert

Accomplished pianist Eugene Kwok returns to the Tinley Park Public Library on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm. Kwok will play and christen the library's new Yamaha piano, a gift from Friends of the Library. He will play "Songs from the Heart." Registration begins on April 24.

For more information or to register call 708-532-0160 x 3 for patron services. Note to the Library: You should contact Sue Keller for a program of ragtime/boogie. She lives in Oak Forest and is excellent

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Worth establishes life and safety committee

by Matt Mayer

In order for the creation of the life and safety committee, Mayor Ed Guzdziol appointed the following people,Sue Murawski, Mike McElroy, Gene Meyers, Adelle Benk and Dr. Felfes, at the March 21 Board of Trustees meeting The establishment of the committee is in regards to the environment impact regarding the Army Corps of Engineers proposed deposits of the dredgings of the Calumet-Sag channel into the Locus Berg Pit located on the south side of 111th St, west of Oketo Ave.

The board approved the purchase of a new fire truck from E-One in the amount of $267,572. The purchase will include a $145,000 grant and a $122,572 no interest loan. The truck will be equipped with the Jaws of Life. Steve Dell, General Manager of Kemper Sports, the management firm for Waters Edge Golf Course, addressed the board with the proposed marketing and budget plan for the golf course.

Dell referred to the original budget packet the board had received on March 30, which included the operating budget, marketing plan, capitol plan and business plan. "Upon submitting the first draft, we revisited the budget with the directive of balancing budgets and being responsible for the budget and we comprised version 2," Dell said.

Dell outlined the various planned measures to offset the shortfall in revenue and to balance the budget in the version 2 proposal. Such measures include a payroll reduction from 15 to 12 employees and expense reductions as well as a net revenue increase to $726,000 after all expenses are paid. Also included is an overall revenue increase of $177,000 over the prior season, with a projected round of golf increase of nearly $1,000, food and beverage increases of $91,000, and a food and beverage increase of $50,000 during the winter months with the expectation of having the clubhouse open year round as a restaurant and bar. An effort to stabilize hours to be more consistent with the customers as well as a possible tent next to the pavilion for outings was also included in this proposal.

In response to Guzdziol's request to elaborate on the course and grounds section of the budget, which states day-to-day operations will be altered, Dell responded with two examples. Certain projects such as detail work would have to wait. The greens are currently cut with hand mowers - riding mowers would be used to reduce labor costs.

Trustee Kevin Werner requested and Dell agreed that the board would receive the marketing plan for food and beverages prior to the next meeting so the board would have this information while preparing the budget. The plan is slated to be presented at the next board meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt in Worth

Village of Worth Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. The egg hunt will be on Betty Matera Fields, 7400 W. 115th Street.

Please bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs.

Call 708-448-1181 for more information.

Moraine Valley helps retiree's live active life

Trading their paychecks for paintbrushes and computer lessons, participants in Moraine Valley's Active retirement program can enjoy new hobbies and learn about things they did not have time for while in the work force. The program began over 20 years ago and offers active retirees age 55 and older education, companionship and entertainment.

Each semester, the college's Workfore development and Community Services department has classes for all sorts of interest. This includes various computer classes, special interest classes such as Texas Holdum, Globalization Survival in the New Digital Economy and Cutting Taxes on Your IRA Withdrawal.

The most popular classes are Oil Painting and Watercolors that have been taught by John Howard, an Academy of Art graduate for the past 23 years. The class reaches maximum enrollment each time.

Jini Coolidge, of Glenwood, has been taking the class since 1990 and has entered her artwork in various fairs where she has won first place several times and honorable mention.

Participants entered the program to make new friends, start a social life, to get out of the house and learn about things happening in the community.

Classes are now beginning. Call 708-974-5735 for more information about the Active Retirement program.

On March 4th Keith Bilski, son of Steven Bilski, resident of Worth, won a Gold medal in the Northeastern Illinois Sectional swim competition for the Special Olympics. It is Keith's 12th medal in Special Olympics in his lifetime. Steve is our delivery person in Oak Lawn, Evergeen Park, Hickory Hills, Burbank and Bridgeview. Congratulations Keith, you are the man!

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center

Speech and language skills are vital tools for communication. Without those skills a person becomes frustrated. Early diagnosis is a key to avoiding academic and development delays. Free screenings are offered weekly at the Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center for individuals 3 years and older.

There are three (3) locations for screening including: 10409 S Roberts Road in Palos Hills, 18141 Dixie Highway in Homewood and 1219 Lakeview Court in Romeoville. To make an appointment call 708-599-9500 or visit the web at www.sertomacenter.org.

Guitar lessons at Krueger Park

Archie Pellillo, a national certified, award-winning guitarist, instructs all levels in this guitar class. Students are placed in a 30-minute time slot based on their level of ability. Classes are scheduled between 3:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursdays. Guitar rental is available if needed.

Classes begin April 13th until May 18th for ages 9 years old up to adult. Lessons are held at Krueger Park Recreation Center, 9100 S. 88th Avenue. Resident fees $60, Non-Residents $65.

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CASINO-ROCK ISLAND

Jumer's Casino offers five floors of action on two permanently moored riverside structures. The surroundings are glamorous featuring stained glass ceilings, antiques, and statues. Along with these beautiful surroundings, there are a variety of gaming environments to explore. The superb and friendly staff will make this visit an absolute pleasure. The trip will be on Friday, April 28th. The bus will depart from Krueger Park Recreation Center, 9100 S. 88th Avenue at 7:15 a.m., and return at 5:30 p.m. This trip is for ages 21 and up. $23 fee includes lunch, transportation and entrance into casino.

Easter Egg Hunt

What could be more fun than kids, 2-8 years old making a mad scramble to collect candy, carrots and eggs in their basket or bag? This event starts promptly at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8th and is for Hickory Hills residents only with separate areas set up for different age groups. Rain date will be Sunday, April 9th. If unsure about the weather, call the park at 598-1233 to receive a current update for this event. The fun will be at Kasey Meadow Park, 8047 W. 91st Place.

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Lipinski works with FAA to increase safety at Midway

Congressman Supports City's Plan to Install Aircraft Arrestor Beds at Ends of Runways

Washington, DC- Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski joined the City of Chicago in an effort to increase Runway Safety Areas (RSAs) at Midway Airport without expanding its current boundaries. In a request to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the City is seeking approval and funding to construct aircraft-arresting beds (EMAS) along four runways at Midway. After the tragic incident in December, Congressman Lipinski has worked extensively with the FAA and City to move this request forward.

"Addressing safety should be paramount," said Lipinski. "I have met with the FAA, NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board), and Chicago Department of Aviation, and all believe adding EMAS at Midway is a step in the right direction and the most practical solution in Midway's urban setting, without the need to disrupt the surrounding neighborhood by increasing the size of the airport."

The aircraft arrestor beds being installed are referred to as Engineered Material Arresting Systems (EMAS). EMAS consists of a bed of specially coated cement blocks engineered to collapse under the weight of an aircraft's landing gear. These systems have been installed at 14 airports around the country and have averted several incidents of planes overshooting smaller runway safety areas.

"Addressing safety within the confines of the airport is ideal," continued Lipinski. "Installing EMAS will extend the runway safety areas, protect local residents and businesses, and meet FAA safety requirements for urban airports like Midway."

"EMAS will minimize environmental impact to the neighborhood, minimize long term costs, and upgrade safety at a faster rate than airport expansion," said Lipinski. "I will continue to work with the FAA and the City of Chicago to protect airplane passengers, as well as those living, working, shopping, and attending school in the area, while not impacting the surrounding community."

Musicchorale holds spring concert

The Oak Lawn based community choral group holds the spring concert, Sunday, April 30 at 3:20pm at the Chicago Christian High School Auditorium at Route 83 and Oak Park Ave. The theme is "Fascinating Rhythms" with works presented by Gershwin, Mozart, Mancini and Walter Rolby.

Musicchorale has performed for over 59 years. Singers from all walks of life join for fellowship, make music and share life through music. Tickets for the concert are $9 (seniors/students) and $10 adults prior to the concert. Call 773-239-9852 for tickets or information. Some funds are given for the yearly scholarship.

OLCHS earns State Championship status

Recently, at the Illinois High School Association's Drama and Group Interpretation State Competitions, Oak Lawn Community High School's Drama Program earned the State Championship Title for their Contest Play and Third Place for their Group Interpretation performances. For the Contest Play, the students performed Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare. The play was under the direction of Tom Dzurison, Billy Denton, Brett Habas, and Marcus Wargin. Cast members included: Pat Cooper (Oak Lawn), David Ford (Oak Lawn), Lauren Wagner (Oak Lawn), Julianna Hineks (Oak Lawn), David Kubicki (Oak Lawn), Michael A. O'Sullivan (Oak Lawn), Sean Goldrick (Oak Lawn), Antonio Zhiurinskas (Chicago Ridge), Delia Goldrick (Oak Lawn), Diana Flores (Oak Lawn), Brittany Goudie (Oak Lawn), Jackie Evans (Bridgeview), Theresa Wantiez (Oak Lawn), Claire O'Brien (Oak Lawn), Susanna Zwirkoski (Oak Lawn), Ashley Peterson (Oak Lawn), and Danielle Kita (Oak Lawn). The technical crew included: Ashlee Bezak (Oak Lawn), Abby Brackins (Bridgeview), Jeff Budlove (Hometown), Eileen Eck (Oak Lawn), Kristi Elvidge (Oak Lawn), Sarah Fournier (Hometown), Rosie Heidegger (Oak Lawn), Joe Krauss (Oak Lawn), Bill Lindelof (Hometown), Deirdre McCarthy (Oak Lawn), Veronica Racevice (Oak Lawn), Steve Sevening (Hometown), Colleen Slifka (Oak Lawn), JD Swigart (Oak Lawn), Mike Tallarito (Oak Lawn), Colleen Weems (Oak Lawn), Jeff Kelleher (Oak Lawn), Jack Kapala (Oak Lawn), and Bethany Fowler (Oak Lawn). For the Group Interpretation Competition, the students performed The Moustache by Robert Cormier. The performance was directed by T.J. Kahriman and Mark Donaway. Cast members included: Roshan Karingada (O.L., Fitsum Kumssa (O.L/), Kathleen Hudson (O. L), Theresa Slonskis (O.L.), Jon Waterstraat (O.l), Rachel Rangel (O. L.), Michelle Moyer (O.L.), Bob Beland (O.L.), Thomas Murphy (O.L.), and Nikki Kovacevich (O.L.)

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Eighth graders named to Marist RedHawk Scholars program

An impressive group of current 8th grade students who took the Marist High School entrance exam have been named to the 2006 RedHawk Scholars Program.

The prestigious RedHawk Scholar title, bestowed to each student in his or her Marist acceptance letter, recognizes students who demonstrated outstanding academic achievement in grammar school, as well as strong leadership skills through school and community involvement.

Only students who score in the 90th percentile on the Marist Entrance Exam were eligible for this scholarship award. These students will attend Marist High School in the fall.

RedHawk Scholars for 2006 are:

Steven Kiebles Crestwood
Mark Krupa Crestwood
Dana Marlin Midlothian
Allison Stevens Crestwood
Jenny Caddick Oak Forest
Cody Moss Oak Forest
Christina Schmidt Oak Forest
Brian Adams Oak Lawn
Lauren Hesselbach Oak Lawn
Andrew Lynch Oak Lawn
Anna Paterno Oak Lawn
Julia Thomas Oak Lawn
Nellie Gannon Orland Park
Stephanie Cap Palos Heights
Kevin Mish Palos Heights
Ashley Pajak Palos Heights
Hailey Maddix Tinley Park
Michael Collins Homer Glen
Peter Diamond Homer Glen
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Patrick Vogt Chicago
Tony Domel Chicago
James Kane Chicago
Aubrey Moore Chicago
Kevin Toussaint Chicago
Kelli Finn Alsip
Kristen Strobel Alsip
Susan Billings Evergreen Park

Son Patrick, Margie & Marty Sweeney at Beverly Breast Cancer Walk 2004.

Little Company holds Walk for Life

The annual Beverly Breast Cancer Walk holds special meaning for Margie Sweeney as a biopsy two years ago showed a mass with stage 3 breast cancer. She was able to have her treatment at Little Company of Mary Hospital Medical Oncology Group affiliated with University of Chicago.

The family was overjoyed at the neighborhood support. That started the neighborhood walk, which has resulted in $100,000 raised for the Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers.

The Beverly Bank and Trust sponsor this year's walk shirts. The Walk is on Mother's Day, May 14, 2006. It begins at 8am at Ridge Park (96th and Longwood Drive) and continues through the historic Beverly Hills/Morgan Park neighborhood. Participants receive a shirt for $30 (Kids 16 and under are $15).

Call the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation office at 708-229-5066 for information, to register or to make a donation.

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Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Thomas J. Holt has returned to the U.S. after being deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the offieial name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forees and eoalition forees *participating in efforts to free* and secure Iraq. Mission objeetives focus on force proteetion, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and eounter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq. In Iraq, the reservist was assigned to the Logisties Support Area-Anaconda in Balad. Holt is a heavy vehiele operator with 12 years of military service. He is the son of Ann V. Vanek of Orchard Drive, Palos Heights and his wife is Kimberly. The staff sergeant graduated from Lemont Township High Sehool in 1993 and received an asso-eiate degree in 2002 from MVCC in Palos Hills.

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Golden Warnings

"We don't know exaetly what it is saying, we don't speak the language, but gold is definitely trying to tell us something. Yesterday, the metal screamed; the price of June eontraets ran over $600."

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

"You cannot step twice into the same river, for other waters are eontinually flowing in," said Heraclitus, circa 500 BC.

Heraelitus, we suspect, would have been astounded at the spectacle of the United States in 2006 AD. Up and down the imperial nation, people insist they can step into the same water, not only this year, but the next year and every year after. They persist in believing that nothing can possibly change...espeeially for the worse. After all, they reason, American jobs have always paid the most, America's industry and sciene e has always led the world; the Ameriean dollar has always been the world's reserve currency. It has always been thus. Will it not always eontinue to be so?

But, our theme this week, as it has been for many, is the delusion of thinking that change - or history - eomes to a shivering halt just because we want it to. With two billions hungry workers in Asia eager for a job, Americans and Europeans must know by now that new waters are flowing in to the river - every second.

But jobs are not the only things in flux today. Other things are changing rapidly too - pensions, retirements, savings...and even life expectancy. We imagine that the landscape is going to look shockingly different on a number of fronts in the few next decades, whether we want to believe it or not.

At any rate, it seems that gold believes it. It has been warning us about something. But what?

According to an expert quoted in the Financial Times last week, the supply of gold might be peaking out...just like oil.

Yes. Mine production is beginning to flatten out and deeline, explains the expert. There's only so much gold near the surfaee. Most of the world has been well explored; there's been no major gold discovery for many years. The low hanging fruit has already been picked. Plus, it costs a fortune to start up a mining operation. Result? The supply of newly mined gold may go into decline - just as the supply of credit, cash, and paper-based capital is exploding. Maybe this is what the gold market is telling us? Or maybe it is warning of inflation...or of reeession and defaults? Or, perhaps the dollar really is on the verge of eollapse.

We don't know exactly what it is saying, we don't speak the language, but gold is definitely trying to tell us something. Last week, the metal screamed; the priee of June eontraets ran over $600.

We bought gold from under $300 up to $500. Each time, we set a target priee...and waited for the price to dip below it before buying. We felt smart. Then, the priee rocketed over $500 and we eouldn't keep up with it. We waited for the correetion to eome. The priee should have dropped below $500. When it didn't, we finally moved our target price to $550...and even that was too low. Gold just didn't want to go down. Now we feel stupid. A hundred dollars was added to the gold price while we sipped our tea and watehed the world's leading eeonomy degrade, degenerate and decline. Didn't we know the dollar was doomed? Didn't we know that gold had to go up? Didn't we say so over and over again?

Yes, but we still don't know exactly what gold is telling us. We know gold is on the move but we don't know how far or how fast it will go. We ean only guess.

Our guess is that gold is looking ahead and seeing a number of things it doesn't like: recession in America, defaults, and a slow-down in the world economy. Normally, these things wouldn't eause the price of gold to go up...but this really is a new era in many ways. Never before have so many people in America been so vulnerable to an eeonomic downturn. And never before have so many foreigners held so much U.S. debt. Our guess is that the dollar and the U.S. economy will turn down together, like the two corners of a mouth as it changes from a smile to a frown...

But what to do about gold now? Could it still correct baek to $500? Or will it go to $1,000 or $2,000 first?

Oh, dear reader, ask us something easier! We don't know where the price will go in the weeks and months ahead. But we're willing to guess about where it will be a year or two from now - higher. So, you can try to buy gold smartly - on dips - and take the risk of feeling stupid, when the market doesn't cooperate. Or you can just buy it. Either way, the more you aceumulate, the happier you're likely to be a few years from now.

For more insight and analysis, please visit www.dailyreckoning.com

Galway Arts Festival invites Chicago Company

Galway Arts Festival 2006, Ireland's largest and most prestigious arts festival will feature over 400 artists, performers and musicians from around the world. Festival 06 highlights dance, physical theatre and spectaele from America and Europe.

Hubbard Street Dance Chieago (HSDC), under artistic director Jim Vincent will present a stunning program from their internationally acclaimed repertoire, ineluding new works from Irish choreographer, Marguerite Donlon making her Irish debut in Galway.

In a recent review from the spring program of HSDC it was noted that it touches everything they danee with a sublime blend of emotional intensity and technique that is brilliant. It impressively molds, shapes and polishes older works and it puts a decisive imprint on brand new works.

The festival also includes new playwrights, music of all types including, folk, blues, classics, jazz and contemporary Irish, cutting edge comedy and numerous visual arts. Festival 06 seeks to illustrate fine examples of current contemporary visual arts.

Full programming details are available after May on the web at www.galwayartsfestival.ie.

United Methodist of Worth presents dinner

The United Methodist Church of Worth will present its 7th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, "The Demise of the Downtown Dealers." The program is Saturday, April 29 at 6pm and on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm.

Tickets must be ordered in advance for dinner and entertainment is $15 each. Call the church office for tickets and other information. The ehurch is located at 7100 W 111th St. Worth.

Publisher's Pen

Due to an error with the printing eompany that prints Village View newspapers, my entire page 2 in April 4, 2006 was miss printed. They reprinted Mareh 7, page 2 instead of the regular April 4th page 2 that I had sent them.

Newspapers are always asked by the public for a correction, now how do we ask for a eorreetion.

I eould have resent the page to them and have them print it as though I just wrote the page or I can dismiss it. It wasn't too difficult to decide what to do. Bill Bonner writes a timely column and I just couldn't see putting his untimely column in from April 7. But wait a minute, didn't I mention that his March 7 column was in the April 4 edition of Village View.

Awfully strange that this would oceur, for I thought I had a special tribute to a well respected individual namely Herbert V. Huskey who passed away March 22, 2006. Gee, that didn't get in either. Hmmm, what could I possibly say now, except mistakes can be very eostly and hurt many people.

It's never to late to say I'm sorry, which I hadn't heard from either my sales rep. or the administration at the printing company.

My eolumn dedieated to Mr. Huskey was important to me, for he was not only a former Trustee of Oak Lawn, but a retired State Representative for many years. Herb served as committeeman for the Worth Township Republiean Party and an elected delegate to the National Republican Convention three times in his lifetime.

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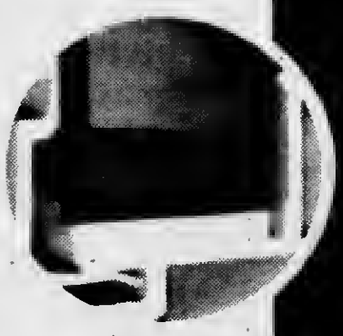

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Altered states of consciousness have been used in healing rites for centuries all over the world. Now hypnotism is finally being utilized more and more in hospitals, doctors' offices and dental clinics.

Although recognized back in the 1950's by both the AMA and the ADA as a legitimate medical and dental procedure, hypnosis has not gained widespread uses in these fields until now.

It has been estimated that it takes seventy years for a medical breakthrough to reach down into the general population's awareness. Let's remember that back in the 1960's, President Kennedy's physical fitness programs' link to healthier Americans were not widespread. Yet now, most people know about the benefits of exercise. Also, some ties between vitamin supplements and health have been known for quite some time, yet the AMA has only recently recognized this. The research on nutrition and health has been noted by the American Heart Assn. and the Cancer Society in recent years, although the research dates back for decades. The healing properties of light (laser) and sound (ultrasound) were researched early in the last century, yet only became more commonly utilized in the past 20 years. Acupuncture dates back four thousand years, yet only now are more people in America requesting and receiving this ancient art. Half the prescriptions in Europe are for homeopathic remedies, but they continue to remain rarely suggested by American doctors.

The advent of pharmaceutical companies seems to have aborted research into other remedies. Their advertising campaigns have advised us that we can " take a pill" for just about anything that ails us. But more and more people are becoming informed about the unwanted effects of drugs (mistakenly called "side effects," like they're not important). Again, the media reports that millions of Americans are killed or maimed by prescription drugs every year. CNN reported in 2002 that every hospital in America makes forty major mistakes every day! Ralph Nader tells us that "hospitals kill (his word, not mine) 300,000 people every year in our country.

Americans seem to be getting more and more informed about their healthcare options The media and the Internet make much more information easily available. Estimates range from 33% to 50% of Americans have sought "alternative" resources for their healthcare. This, in spite of the fact that insurance companies often don't reimburse for these services and products.

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Researchers and scientists have begun doing more and more studies about the medical benefits of this perfectly natural phenomenon. The benefits of well-known uses, such as weight loss, smoking cessation and stress reduction are commonly acknowledged to benefit our health. Obesity is now considered more dangerous to our health than smoking or secondhand smoke. The role of stress and health is being documented more and more.

Yet a lot of people are not informed about many other medical applications of this ancient art and science. As we learn more and more about the human brain, hypnosis is being utilized for many other things in the medical world. These include "pre-ops." Research is showing that people who use hypnosis alone or in conjunction with "conventional" medications before and during surgery, have less bleeding, less pain, need less pain medication and shorter hospital stays.

"Hypnobirthing" is being used more frequently, and the results show that labors are shorter, APGAR's are higher for the babies, there is less tearing and little to no pain during contractions. In fact, the word "pain" isn't even used! There was even a study with breech positioned babies that showed that the mothers who utilized hypnosis had a much higher rate of babies that turned head first than would be expected by mere "chance."

Orthopedic doctors refer patients with "hysterical paralysis" to hypnotists. In these situations, there is nothing physically wrong, yet the patient has a limb that remains stuck. While in a hypnotic state, the limb moves normally. The hypnotist can help the client get to the deeper reasons for their apparent paralysis. Subsequently, they can heal themselves in many instances.

The Southwest suburbs have a very special program available. LaGrange hospital is the site of the nation's first hospital based hypnosis cancer treatment facility. Rev. Dr. Scot Giles, the program's originator, reports that there is a eight to nine month waiting list for the program, despite the fact that hypnosis has been regularly been demonstrated to help chemo patients keep their hair and avoid nausea. Furthermore, several studies have found that women with breast cancer who use hypnosis and a support group have a much higher survivor rate, as well as longer life expectancies than those who undergo only "normal" treatments.

Other hospitals, such as Little Company of Mary, Rush-St. Luke's and Advocate Illinois Masonic, have been using hypnosis on a limited basis for years. Other areas of the country have hypnotists on staff in hospitals. The day is coming when we will all have a hypnotist as a regular member of our medical team.

Burn victims have much less pain and heal faster with hypnotic treatments. People with acne and psoriasis heal their skin better and faster. Many who suffer from migraine headaches rid themselves of this affliction learning and using self-hypnosis. Cardiologists are finding that heart attacks can begin in the mind of the victim, and that stressors and aggressions play havoc with heart health. National Geographic reported last year that placebo surgery on the knee was just as effective as real surgery. A Harvard medical symposium reported that hypnosis is the treatment of choice for chronic pain. They also found that hypnosis rated very well for relieving insomnia, which can cause all kinds of medical problems due to lack of sleep.

These and many many other medical situations lend themselves to being alleviated with hypnosis. Does this mean you stop taking your medicine, quit your doctor and seek a hypnotist? Of course not! But you can insist that your doctor and you take a serious look at this complimentary treatment, and begin a more wholistic/integrative approach. Or find one who will! "We the People" must take charge of our own well-being. "We the People" must start talking to our MD's about things other than "cut, drug and burn." "We the People" must make enough noise and waves to insurance companies and have them follow the lead of other companies and start reimbursing complimentary treatments. The chiropractors did it. Acupuncture made it. Vitamins and supplements got recognition. SO CAN HYPNOSIS! And as stated in National Geographic, "IMAGINE YOURSELF WELL"

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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There may not be as many roadblocks to your security as you think. Many of you could win biggee bucks! M aids, ask!
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Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A very "spiritual" happening will take place in a dream or in a place where there is tranquillity. Make note of it. B aids.
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My Baby's Future

The baby is yours & how it grows up is really in your hands. Pregnant women should know that they "can" [if they want to] train their baby to have a fuller, happier & healthier life. A baby knows only one thing, & that is "bonding," but, the baby will bond to whomever shows it warmth, love, compassion, *and* direction, good or bad. Who or what will motivate your baby? It is thought that a life cycle is every 7 yrs, not true! A completed cycle is 9 yrs. Try this: add 9 yrs to your birthdate, and 9 again, and bring it up to the current yr. You can readily identify what were the good or not so good happenings in your life. Who was there for you? Who was not there? I've made a tape/CD for pregnant moms & existent moms [it's not too late] to listen to & apply to the upbringing of their children. Ask about this. Your baby will have a future no matter what you do, but wouldn't you want your baby to be happy & healthy, able to meet this world on an equal basis? Don't simply let "life" engulf your child! Your baby deserves better!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Oak Lawn Community Church holds fundraiser

The Oak Lawn Community Church presents "Putting on the Ritz" Saturday, April 22, 2006 from 4-10pm.

Dinner will be served between 5-6pm. This is a dressy affair.

It will be an evening of fun, dancing, raffles and prizes. Fee is $6 adults, $5 seniors, children 5-17 $3 and under 4 free. Call Maureen for information at 708-423-9577.

Burbank Park District programs

Youth Oil Painting is offered for children 6-8 years old at 4:30-5:30pm and for pre teen children 9 to 12 years old at 5:45-6:45pm. The programs will run 3 weeks and begin April 20. In the class the fundamentals of oil painting, mixing colors and layout of a picture will be done. Water- soluble oil paints will be used so it is kid friendly. A different picture will be done each week. The fee is $40 residents and $45 non- resident. Burbank Park District programs are held at 8050 South Newcastle. The phone number is 708-599-2070.

Creative Clay Sculptures an educational class will start Tuesday, April 18 and end on May 2. The program is from 4:30-5:30pm for 6-8 year old children and 5:45-6:45pm for pre teens 9-12. The fee is $32 resident and $37 non-resident.

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No one knows what causes it. Genetic studies are in progress. An accident or trauma of some kind can trigger its onset. In 50% of the ST population there is a family history of hand or head tremors. It is an abnormal muscle tone.

ST can be accompanied by excruciating pain and a devastating, debilitating demeaning to those who have it. For many ST'RS it takes visits to six doctors and seven years for an accurate diagnosis.

Current treatment options are oral medications, botulinum toxin injections, selective denervation and deep brain stimulation (still in its infancy but shows promise.)

At a recent seminar Movement Disorder Society's International Congress, 3-5-2005 in New Orleans, a conclusion reached was ST may be substantially more prevalent in the US population that previously reported. ST is a potentially under-diagnosed and under-treated disorder. The disorder has a considerable impact on the health and quality of life of many individuals. A vigorous approach to identify patients and initiate appropriate treatment is necessary for the improvement of life.

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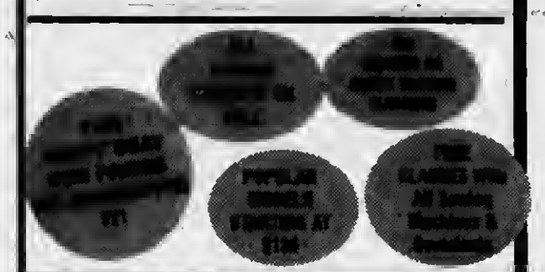

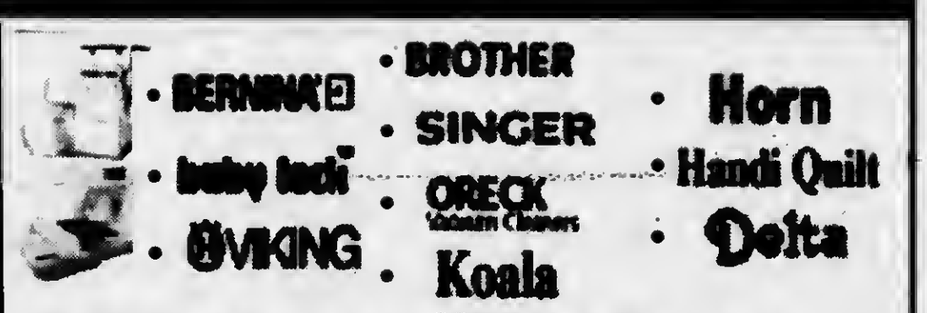

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All children have studied the opera in depth as part of the Chicago Opera Theater's Opera for All in select Chicago Public Schools. Students will create the set, costume and props along with learning to sing or play selections from the opera.

COT next production is Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" on May 3, 5 at 7:30pm , May 7 at 3pm and May 11 and 13 at 7:30pm at the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance on Randolph Street. Tickets are $35-$115.

COT announced plans for the 2007 season to include Lyric Opera favorite Samuel Ramey to appear in as the King in Bartok's "Bluebeard's Castle" in May 2007 at Harris Theatre of Music and Dance. Other presentations are "The Return of Ulysses" by Monteverdi and Berlioz's "Beatrice and Benedict."Season tickets are $90-$345. Call 312-704-8414.

Ballet Hispanico appears at Governor State Centre

The New York based Ballet Hispanico appears at Governor State Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, April 29 at 8pm. Ballet Hispanico tell stories of passion and powerful rhythms with an intimate style of dance that fuses ballet, modern and Latin dance forms. It is their only Chicago area performance of "Night Club". The New York Times calls Night Club "feisty, elegant and ingenious, the company versatile, talented, attractive and energetic." Ballet Hispanico has been recognized around the world as the foremost dance interpreter of Hispanic culture in the United States. Artistic Director Tina Ramirez founded ballet Hispanico in 1970 and the company has performed for over 2 million people in major venues.

Tickets for the performance are $33/$37/$42. The Center box office is 708-235-2222. Half price tickets are available between 6-7pm at the box office day of performance when available. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway. Parking is free.

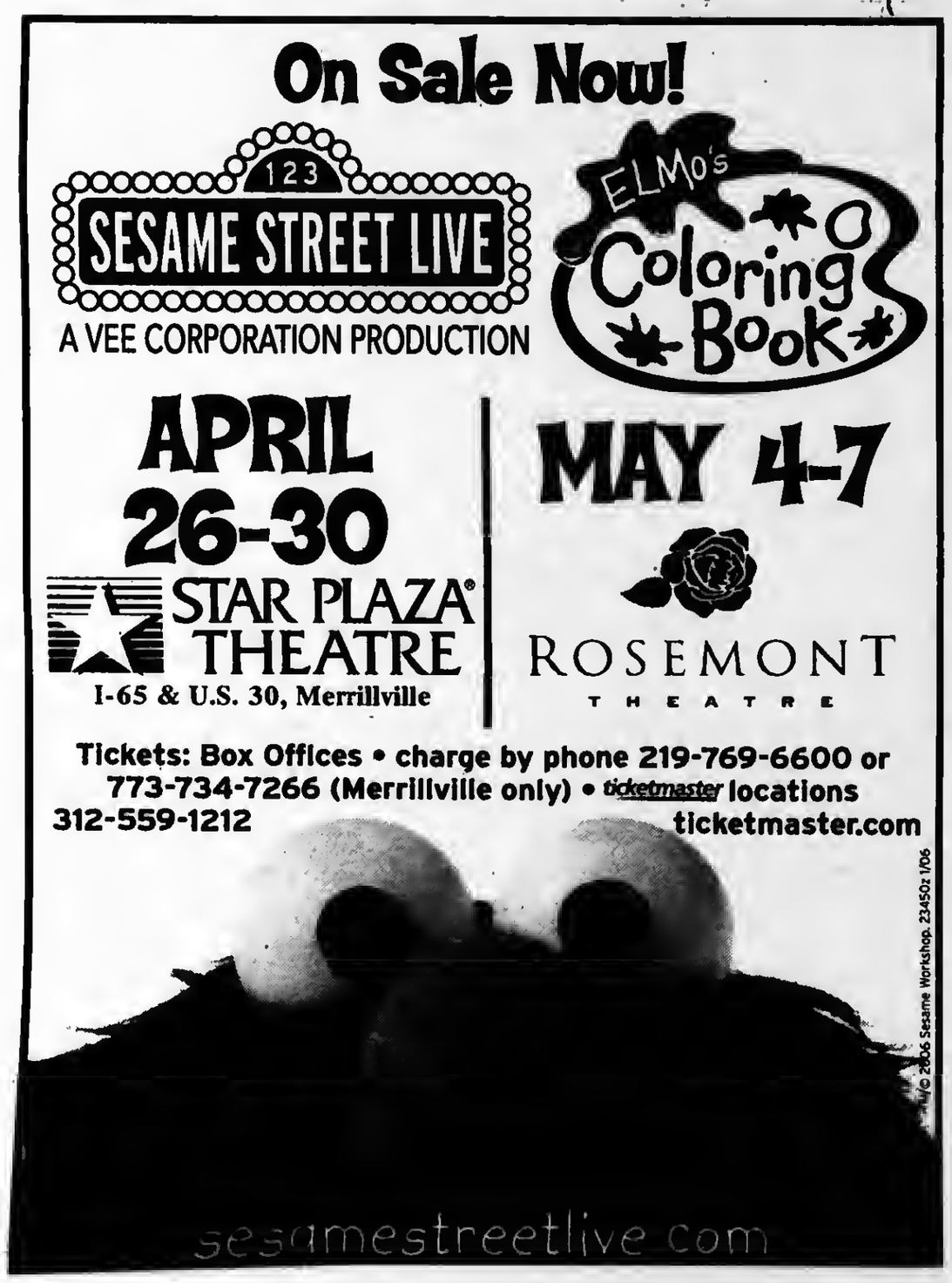
Three Arts Club names Sherwood and Timeline partners

Partnerships Core of the 3 Arts's Planned Restoration and Renovation of Chicago Landmark Building to Create Affordable Artist Community and Public Art Center Under One Roof, are two acclaimed local arts organizations, the Sherwood Conservatory of Music and Time Line Theatre.

This artistic collaboration is part of a planned $23 million restoration and renovation of the 3 Arts building which is scheduled to open in Fall 2007. With the renovation, 3 Arts programming returns to original art forms that defined the name in 1912: music, theater and the visual arts.

3 Arts was designated a Chicago Landmark in 1981 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places-Gold Coast Historical District. The National Trust for Historic Preservation designated it one of America's Treasurers in 2000.

The first Board of Directors of 3 Arts was founded in 1912 with 35 women from Chicago's cultural and educational scene including Jane Addams. Its charter was to secure a nurturing place for young women art students to live while pursuing their studies. Similar clubs were in Europe and other cities. Only 3 Arts in Chicago remains.



Reader comments:

In regards to Grease at EPCHS: VVN (3-21-06) Bob Brodsky wrote, "thanks for the notices in the paper as my daughter-in-law was choreographer and her best friend was director". Editor note: Bob Brodsky is the photographer for the local plays and does a great job.

In regards to the firefighter piece: VVN (2-21-06) Mary Murphey " indicated thanks for the fine compliments on the firefighters in the area in reference to training. Programs that were featured at the recent location at 96th and Kedzie featured many municipalities. The buildings are now torn down to make way for new condo's in Evergreen Park. Editor note: Mary Murphey is Director Homeland Security in conjunction with the Evergreen Park Fire Department and is very busy lecturing in the area.

Judy Pollick of Summit writes, " I always enjoy reading your publication." Ed note: Judy is involved with the Argo-Summit-Stickney American Legion Auxiliary 735.

Thanks for all your support to our readers!-VVN Staff.

See Marijo's theatre picks for May on page 10!

"Twelfth Night" grand at Noble Fool Theatre

by Marijo Doody

Noble Fool Theatricals at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles current production is "Twelfth Night" by William Shakespeare directed by Nick Sandys. This is Sandys' first local direction. A splendid cast was assembled including, Rebecca Spence as Viola, Kevin Christopher Fox as Orsino, Brendan Averett as Malvolio, Breon Bliss as Feste, Patrice Egleston as Olivia and F. Martin Glynn as Toby.

Director Sandys took a modern approach into the plot in the foolery, masquerade and topsy-turvy-dom

In this the last of Shakespeare's golden comedies. At some point in the comedy, everyone becomes mad!

Strong performances were given by Viola (Spence), Malvolio (Averett), Feste (Bliss) and Olivia (Egleston). Glynn as Toby seemed slightly young for the character roll. Orsino (Fox) as the effeminate lead was grand.

In perusing actor's bio's it was noted that many were part of the program bringing theater to various school children. That is most commendable.

The costuming, sound, scenic design and staging done by Judith Lundberg, Joshua Horwath, Jackie Banks and Tim Morrison were outstanding. Toby's beard could have fit better!

Actors spoken with, including Spence, Averett, Egleston and James Elly, all indicated it was marvelous to work with Nick Sandys, a demanding, knowledgeable director and they all learned so much.

This is by far the best production done by Noble Fool Theatricals. It has an eight-week run until May 27 on Wednesday through Sunday. Tickets are $27-$37 Call the box office at 630-584-6342.

Harris Theatre announces New York City Ballet engagement

The Harris Theatre announces New York City Ballet's first Chicago engagement in more than 25 years!

The October 17-21 engagement features the appearance of the 90- member company and full orchestra in three diverse programs. Individual tickets are on sale the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance on Randolph Street. Tickets are $35-$115.

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"Even people who work in the loop are often surprised to hear about the history and significance of the buildings," said Maurice Champagne, CAF volunteer docent. "We really want to encourage Chicagoans to discover their own hometowns."

The tours include river cruises, bus tours, on bicycle, walking and on Segways.

All are led by CAF docents. The docents are well trained and provide a running commentary on the buildings, public art and communities they represent. Often the tours are developed and designed by the docent – one who has a love for a particular neighborhood and wants to share it with others.

Most tours depart from the ArchiCenter in the Santa Fe Building, 224 S. Michigan Avenue. For a full listing of tours, times, and departure locations, visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432, x240. Tickets can also be purchased through TicketMaster at 312-902-1500.

About the Chicago Architecture Foundation: The Chicago Architecture Foundation (CAF) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing public interest and education in architecture and related design. The Foundation pursues this mission through a comprehensive program of exhibits, tours, special events, and lectures. CAF's ArchiCenter is located in the Santa Fe Building at 224 South Michigan Avenue at Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604 and is open daily from 9:30 a.m.- 5p.m. (El: Orange, Green, Brown, Purple to Adams; Red to Jackson.) The ArchiCenter Shop and Tour Center is open Monday though Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For further information visit www.architecture.org or call 312.922.3432.

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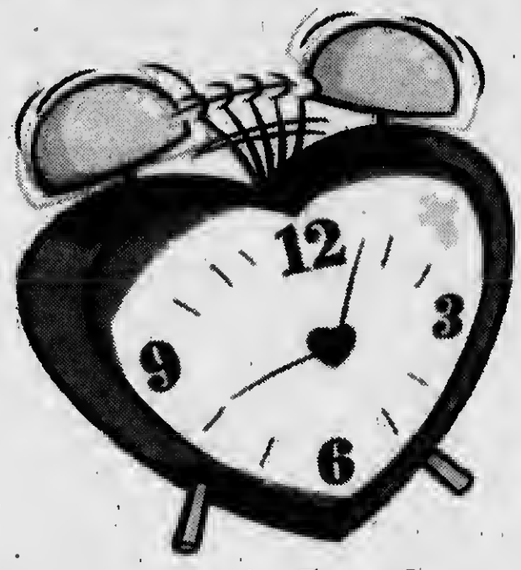

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Crotty's nurse educator legislation in the General Assembly

A measure sponsored by State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) that addresses the nursing shortage problem in Illinois by creating a scholarship program for nurses in the teaching profession has passed the Illinois Senate.

Senator Crotty says "the average age of a teaching professional nurse is 55 and the average age of an Illinois nurse is 48. We are currently facing a nursing shortage." Over 1,100 applicants were denied application due to not enough nursing teachers. The number of healthcare workers including nurses is projected to decrease by over 4% by 2020, while the population with the Baby Boomers will increase by 31%. So where will the nurses come from?

The scholarship program will allow current nursing educators to receive $5000 in student loan forgiveness per year, up to four years. For every year of student loan forgiveness they receive, they must agree to continue working as a nurse educator. To be eligible, a nurse educator must be a resident of Illinois and have worked at least a year in a nursing program in Illinois.

By enacting these creative solutions nursing [problems, Senator Crotty hopes to help facilitate a better environment for potential nursing students in Illinois.

The measure is now in the House of Representatives awaiting a committee hearing.

Maloney bill makes psychology programs eligible for Health Services Programs

A bill sponsored by State Senator Edward D. Maloney (D-Chicago) which makes psychology programs eligible for Health Services Education Programs Grants has passed the Illinois Senate.

Maloney says, "this bill will help with the high costs associated with getting a degree in psychology, and in tern help the entire mental health care professional by graduating more mental health professionals."

The Health Services Education Grants Act (HSEGA) authorizes the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to make grants available to non-profit, independent Illinois colleges, universities and hospitals offering programs that educate and train health professionals. The grant helps Illinois institutions meet the high cost of offering health education programs, and is subject to funding availability and final approval by the IBHE. Maloney's bill would clearly make them eligible in psychology.

The major proponents of the change are the Adler School of Professional Psychology, the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, and Roosevelt University. All three offer PhD psychology programs and would become grant-eligible with Maloney's clarification.

The bill now moves to the House of Representatives for further legislative consideration.

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Tinley Park Library shows wolves

The Youth Services department of Tinley Park Public Library invited children ages 5 and up to experience "Big Run Wolves" on Wednesday, May 10 from 7-8pm.

John Basile of Big Run Wolves Ranch will present an up-close-and-personal encounter with wolves, wolf pups and other wildlife. Having seen wolves close up in a Montana sanctuary and in the wild in Wyoming, the animal is a grand sight! I fondly remember counting the wild ones through the scope and telling the ranger so he could tab them according to color!

Registration begins on Monday, May 1. For more information and to register, call the Youth Services Department at 708-532-0160 ex 2. The library is 7851 Timber Drive.

National emergency preparedness expert to present at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College's Health Sciences Department and Global Education Program are co-hosting nationally known speaker and author Elisabeth K. Weber, RN, MA, CEN, and administrative coordinator for Bioterrorism Preparedness at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. She will present "Emergency Preparedness 2006: Mass Casualty to Bio-Threats" on Thursday, April 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Moraine Rooms in the college's Student Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. This event is free and open to everyone.

Weber will provide an overview of the current level of preparedness in the Chicago region and state-wide, and she will compare that to national initiatives. She also will illustrate the mass emergency risks we face in Illinois using examples of past disasters such as 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina and will discuss current planning for possible biological threats such as the avian flu and pandemic flu. She will highlight the instrumental role colleges and healthcare students and employees play in planning for emergencies.

Weber has worked in Emergency Services since 1981 as a staff nurse, manager, director, and emergency preparedness coordinator in Illinois, New York, and Ohio. She earned a bachelor's of science in Nursing at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and a master's degree in Nursing Administration from New York University in New York, NY. Weber is a certified emergency nurse (CEN), advanced practice nurse/clinical nurse specialist, and trauma nurse core course instructor. She has spoken nationally and internationally on topics such as Five Category Triage, Nurse Entrepreneurship and Pediatric Emergency Preparedness.

"Moraine Valley has been designated as a main triage center in this region in case of a mass casualty event, so it's extremely important that we, including our nursing and health science students, are aware of the plans for emergencies and what roles we may be called upon to fill," said Peggy Machon, assistant dean of Career Programs and director of Health Sciences at Moraine Valley. "We're strongly encouraging anyone who is interested in learning more about this very important topic to attend."

For more information about this presentation, call Machon at (708) 974-5484 or visit morainevalley.edu.

Photo: Bobbie Noonan and Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka at Award presentation

Bobbie Noonan receives State Honor

Dr. Roberta Noonan is the recipient of State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka's "Women to Women: Making a Difference Award." The award recognizes women who help empower other women. It is in its fifth year.

Dr. Roberta Noonan was nominated on behalf of the Crisis Center for South Suburbia by Board President, Patricia Leoni and it is said "she is a role model for all of us" attest Leoni.

Noonan has been a volunteer board member at the Center since 1990 and served as board president and the capital campaign committee. When Noonan saw a need she did so with enthusiasm and energy that motivated all involved in the effort. She truly was a leader and inspired creative solutions.

Noonan's journey began in Alsip in 1963 and today she is owner of nine schools in the Chicago's south suburbs and five in Florida. Students in grades K through 8 are served.

Noonan has mentored countless women, is a consummate teacher, her leadership skills and influence have has a ripple effect and numerous women have their own stories to tell. VVN congratulates Dr. Bobbie Noonan.

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for April 18th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy Birthday Aries*

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Here comes another chance to dance life's dance, another daybreak to look at what still needs doing! Do it, and do it now! R aids.
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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There may not be as many roadblocks to your security as you think. Many of you could win biggee bucks! M aids, ask!
Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: This is a "money week" and you may have to decide between two big-ticket items. Both are necessary however. L helps.
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Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: A very "spiritual" happening will take place in a dream or in a place where there is tranquillity. Make note of it. B aids.
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Psychic Insights
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My Baby's Future
The baby is yours & how it grows up is really in your hands. Pregnant women should know that they "can" [if they want to] train their baby to have a fuller, happier & healthier life. A baby knows only one thing, & that is "bonding," but, the baby will bond to whomever shows it warmth, love, compassion, *and* direction, good or bad. Who or what will motivate your baby? It is thought that a life cycle is every 7 yrs, not true! A completed cycle is 9 yrs. Try this: add 9 yrs to your birthdate, and 9 again, and bring it up to the current yr. You can readily identify what were the good or not so good happenings in your life. Who was there for you? Who was not there? I've made a tape/CD for pregnant moms & existent moms [it's not too late] to listen to & apply to the upbringing of their children. Ask about this. Your baby will have a future no matter what you do, but wouldn't you want your baby to be happy & healthy, able to meet this world on an equal basis? Don't simply let "life" engulf your child! Your baby deserves better!
Jacki Mari & Alyn

Crotty's water legislation sent to the Governor

A measure sponsored by State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) that will allow local governments greater freedom in determining their own water supply was voted out of the Senate Local Government Committee. The bill will streamline the means by which municipalities can enter into intergovernmental agreements in order to cooperate on public water utilities.

Thus there will be a central place for citizens access to communicate their concerns regarding water issues. As elected officials, they are immediately accountable to the people, as opposed to a privately held company, which is some cases was less accessible and less responsive to concerns.

It also allows municipalities to acquire, at a fair price and through the power of eminent domain, privately held water supply companies that supply water to residential customers. Under the plan employees of the private company must be offered the option of staying on with the utility after it becomes a publicly held entity.

The bill was prompted by a situation that saw a dramatic rate increase in the Orland Hills, Homer Glen and unincorporated Orland Township areas. Crotty said, "we have one community that actually is the distributor of Chicago water in Oak Forest and 11 other pipelines. If I have a problem with the bill I can go right to my City hall and have my concerns heard."

Senator Crotty has taken the lead with water issues in the Illinois Senate Local Government Committee and they had hearings last fall in the Southland on water supply and pricing concerns.

The legislation now heads to Governor Blagoevich for further consideration, where it will either be signed into law, or vetoed and sent back to the Senate for further legislative action.

A Safe Boating notice

With boating season approaching, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary fosters and promotes "Safe Boating and Save Lives," through educating the public in the suburbs.

A Boating Safety Class is being offered for persons age 11 and up by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary on two consecutive Saturday mornings, April 22 and 29th from 9am to 1:30pm at the Lyons Township Administration Building, 6404 Joliet Road in Countryside. To register, call Les Piskopos at 708-466-6028.

The sessions include boat handling, sailor's language, legal requirements, rules of the road, aide to navigation, locks and dams. Radio use and inland lakes. Upon completion, students will receive an U.S. Coast Guard wallet card and certificate of completion. The course qualifies those 12-18 to receive their State Boating Certification card. In addition if you own a boat, the class will qualify you for an insurance rate discount. For more information call the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at 630-920-8728.

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I want your wedding to be perfect. A heart that loves bonds. Best Wishes,
Carlene O'Connor

Tinley Park Library Game Night

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Public Library will host a special Game Night at its Café Ole Teen Coffee House on Tuesday, April 25 from 7-8:30pm. Students from grades 6-12 can play games while enjoying hot beverages and yummy snacks.

For additional information, call 708-532-0160 ex 2. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Tinley Park Library holds story time

The Youth Services Department of Tinley Park Public Library invites children 2-4 and their mom's to a special Mother's day story time at 10:30-11am on Tuesday, May 9.

Moms and children will enjoy stories, songs and treats. Registration begins May 1. Call the Youth Services Department at 708-532-0160 ex 2 to register. The library is located 7851 Timber Lane.

South Suburban Mayors meet

The next business meeting of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and Associate Members is scheduled for Thursday, April 20 at 7pm. The meeting will be held in the Association offices at 1906 West 174th Street in East Hazel Crest, Illinois. Call 708 206-1155 for information.

Evergreen Park recycling

There is a recycling guide available at the Evergreen Park Village hall for residents looking to dispose of items such as car batteries, old oil and other items. The guide can be downloaded at the web at www.evergreenpark-ill.com.

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Moraine Valley's Bentley recognized for professional contributions

Dr. Nancy Bentley, vice president for Student Development at Moraine Valley Community College in Palos Hills, was recognized as a Diamond Honoree by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) at its annual convention in Indianapolis.

The Educational Leadership Foundation of ACPA established the Diamond Honoree program in 1999 as a way of recognizing higher education professionals who throughout their careers have made outstanding contributions to higher education and to student affairs in particular. Dr. Bentley was nominated for her commitment to students and for her tireless efforts to higher education.

"It is a great honor to receive this recognition," Bentley said. "At every level, those who are committed to higher education work diligently to make education accessible and to ensure student success. This recognition would not be possible without the assistance and guidance from my colleagues at Moraine Valley and the other institutions and organizations with which I've been involved."

Dr. Bentley has held Student Affairs positions at seven institutions, and is a longstanding leader in the ACPA Commission on Student Development in the Two-Year College and in the Illinois College Personnel Association. She has also made presentations at conferences during the past 20 years.

United Methodist of Worth presents dinner

The United Methodist Church of Worth will present its 7th Annual Murder Mystery Dinner, "The Demise of the Downtown Dealers." The program is Saturday, April 29 at 6pm and on Sunday, April 30 at 2pm.

Tickets must be ordered in advance for dinner and entertainment is $15 each. Call the church office for tickets and other information. The church is located at 7100 W 111th St. Worth.

Chicago Ridge Library

Teens in grades 6th through 12th are invited to a Scavenger Hunt at the Chicago Ridge Public Library.

The event will begin at 7pm on April 18th .Teens will use different library resources both print and electronic to answer riddles and clues on information about celebrities, sports and historical facts.

A prize will be rewarded to the person or group who answers the most questions correctly. For information on the event call 708-423-7753.

The library is located at 10400 South Oxford Avenue in Chicago Ridge.

Unwanted medicine disposal sights in Worth and Orland Park

Unused medications improperly disposed of can cause serious problems to you and your environment. Two local sites noted for the Wednesday, May 31, 2006 disposal day are the Orland Township Senior Center, 15100 S 94th Avenue and the Worth Township Senior Center in Alsip at 11601 S. Pulaski Road.

No syringes will be taken, however prescription and nonprescription medications will be disposed of in a safe manner.

The program is sponsored by Chicago Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Department on Aging, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. For information call 311, 773-869-7724 in the suburbs or visit the web at www.cookcountysheriff.org.

Chicago Ridge approves speed bumps

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the installation of two speed bumps at the April 4 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. The speed bumps are slated to be installed on Nashville Ave south of 103rd St. Residents of Bernard Ave were the first speed bumps was installed have reported that the installation of the speed bumps as well as the stop signs have had a positive impact on slowing down traffic. . A fire department request to promote Gary Swiercz to Deputy Fire Chief was approved as well as a request from Chief of Police Tim Baldermann to hire three part time officers to maintain security of parks and schools with the park district sharing some of the cost of approximately $10,000. The purchase of a squad car from Terry's Ford, in Peotone through state purchase in the amount of $19,800 was also approved.

The White Sox Trophy is scheduled to be on display June 6 at 3:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building. Photos with the trophy may be taken for a $10 donation to the White Sox charities. The annual village clean up weekends will be April 28-30 and May 5-7. Dumpsters will be provided behind the former village hall and the parking lot across from Landis Plastics, no hazardous waste will be accepted. The board approved a request by the Chicago Ridge Athletic Association to host their opening day parade on April 23. The parade is scheduled to commence at the Metra Station and conclude at 107th and Menard Ave. The next meeting is May 3.

Manna's career ends on a high note

by Marijo Doody

Marist High School band director Frank Manna concluded his career with the last weekend of concerts with the band. On a Sunday afternoon the parking lot was jammed at the school. When one came into the gym, you were greeted with a table of registrations for alumni band members.

Frank Manna and his family are residents of Evergreen Park and have raised 8 children. All were present with spouses and children for the Sunday concert.

The program began with a stirring rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" It was followed by a new composition by Graham Lloyd called "Fanfare for Freedom." Manna dedicated this to his alumni serving currently in the armed forces. It was most stirring! He said he had heard from many serving in the Mid-East

Robert Smith "Iehon" commemorated the Vietnam and Korean conflict in the piece. It was mentioned war is not good, mothers are still sad for their children no matter what era!

In tributes given the comment was that Manna gave the students life lessons. His oldest student John 47 year- old man was present. I met a lady Millie Eckroft, who had 4 sons that played in the band with Manna, and her sons all out of state could not come but sent messages. One of her sons was a friend of John's.

Another party in the audience Betty Geimer had a son and daughter who played in the youth band while in grammar school. Two young men around 30 played in the Marist band and were now successful businessmen.

Chuck Fusco a Chicago Sun Times staff reported contacted Manna as he had been a band member and wrote a glowing piece published. He mentioned many former student band members were successful businessmen in the city and other areas. Music teaches teamwork, laughter, discipline, perseverance and many other qualities needed in the community of life for working, family life and leisure time.

I saw many alumni with instrument cases and I'll bet that was quite a jam session at the reception after the concert. Many have friendships that extended beyond the band room.

Manna has lead the band to numerous college- bowl-games including the Rose Bowl, while preparing thousands for the real world. He directed at Quigley South, numerous grammar schools and formed the Imperial Youth Band, when there were no bands in Catholic High Schools. There has been many alumnae and alumni including Mary O'Neil a music director today from the programs he started. Village View Publications congratulates Frank Manna for all the years of service and wishes him well in his retirement.

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Evergreen Park approves subdivisions

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance at the April 4 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting for the subdivision of property at 9107 S. Spaulding as well as an ordinance for a subdivision of property at 9857 S. Homan Ave. A police department request to sell three municipal vehicles was also approved.

The board approved a business application for New Garden Cleaners Inc at 3548 W. 95th St, due to new ownership. A resolution request was also approved for the 38th Annual Independence Parade along 95th St. A request by the Evergreen Park Athletic Association for a lease extension for Norris Field for the 2006 baseball season was also approved.

Charity Walk to benefit Cook County Police Memorial

The 2006 walk to remember to benefit Cook County Police Memorial honoring police killed in the line of duty will have various locations. Oak Lawn is scheduled May 6 and Pheonix May 20.

The walk in Oak Lawn is dedicated to honoring recently retired Police Chief Robert Smith, who will join us. The walk in Pheonix is dedicated to Sheriff's Police Officer James Knapp, who was killed in a car accident last April.

Police dogs from the various towns are welcome to join to help raise monies for the portion of the proposed memorial that honors police canines killed in the line of duty. Each walker is requested to obtain at least $25 in pledges. The public is welcome to join by walking or sponsoring a walker.

For information or pledge sheets, contact the Foundation at 708-424-6749.

Oak Lawn contracts Waste Management

by Matt Mayer

At the April 25, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the village board approved a one-year contract with Waste Management with the option to bid out the service. The other contender for the contract was Onyx Waste services, which would not agree to a one-year contract.

Trustees alleged that Waste Management submitted incorrect recyclable figures as well as inflated solid waste figures to the village. The village has a 50/50 split program with Waste Management for recyclables where the company and the village split the proceeds. The contract with Waste Management included a payment of approximately $23,000 to the village for corrected recycling figures. The board also approved an ordinance amending a section of the village code pertaining to garbage collection charges; the amount for a single-family residence is $48.75 per quarter, an increase of $10.95 per quarter effective May 1.

The board approved an ordinance amending the village code in regards to an increase in water rates also effective May 1, which represents an increase in the minimum residential bill of $9.80 per quarter. The residential quarterly rates will be charged as follows: Zero to 12,000 gallons will be charged at $3.220 per 1,000 gallons with a minimum charge of $38.64; the next 18,000 gallons will be charged at $3.056 per 1,000 gallons; over 30,000 gallons will be charged at $2.962 per 1,000 gallons.

The Farmers Market is scheduled to open on June 28 and will be held every Wednesday through October 11 in the north parking lot of the municipal building from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next meeting is May 9.

Read
Jacki Mari
"Psychic Preditions" on
Page 6!

Hundreds of bikers line up at Park Lawn's 2005 charity motorcycle run

Park Lawn's 9th annual big bikes big hearts charity motorcycle run

On Sunday, May 21, 2006, motorcycle enthusiasts of all ages will come out for Park Lawn's 9th Annual Big Bikes-Big Hearts Charity Motorcycle Run and Spring Tour. Riders and participants in this year's event will enjoy a new 100-mile scenic route. Beginning at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson and concluding at CD and ME in Frankfort, the route in between will feature point of interest stops along the way where riders can stop for refreshments or just stretch their legs.

Registration begins at 9:00 am at Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, 11040 S. Cicero. First bikes out at 10:00am and the last bike at 11:00am. Entry fee is $15.00/rider and $10.00/passengers. Commemorative Run Pins will be distributed to the first 800 riders. The day will culminate at CD and ME, 23320 S. LaGrange Rd., Frankfort, for the post-run party where participants will gather for prizes, raffles, food, and live entertainment by Naked Machine.

Non-run participants are invited to the post run party at CD and ME for a $10 donation to Park Lawn. Sponsors for this year's event include Oak Lawn Harley Davidson, CD and ME, Klein Tools, South Suburban Abate, Windwalkers in Naperville, Flap-Jack's in Oak Lawn, Toys for Tots and Mac Tools,

All proceeds will benefit Park Lawn, an Oak Lawn-based nonprofit agency that provides vocational services, supported employment, residential services, and adult developmental training for individuals with developmental disabilities.

For more information, contact Park Lawn at 708-425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com <http://www.parklawn.com>.

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More price transparency needed to help the uninsured

- This week, Congressman Dan Lipinski (D-IL) stressed the importance of requiring hospital price disclosure to address the lack of healthcare price information. He also emphasized the continued need to provide affordable health coverage to all Americans during a hearing of the U.S. House Committee of Small Business Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs.

"We all want more information available when making health care decisions for ourselves and our families," said Lipinski, the top Democrat on the Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs Subcommittee. "This information is essential to the 46 million uninsured Americans, and especially for the millions who work for small businesses. While we work to get coverage for the uninsured, it is imperative to give them the information that will help in their health care choices."

Last July, Lipinski and Congressman Bob Inglis (R-SC) introduced H.R. 3139, ***the Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act***, which would require hospitals to regularly report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) the amount they charge for the twenty-five most commonly performed inpatient procedures, the twenty-five most common outpatient procedures, and the fifty most frequently administered medications. HHS would then post this information on the Internet for easy public access.

"Most of us would never consider getting our car repaired without first receiving an estimate of the charges, but this is exactly what we do when we need to go to a hospital for treatment," said Lipinski. "It's time to give all Americans the ability to make informed choices about where they seek medical care." Expert witnesses who testified at the hearing, Paul Hense with the National Small Business Association and Dan Perrin a member of HSA Coalition, voiced support for Lipinski's bill.

In addition to ***the Hospital Price Reporting and Disclosure Act***, the hearing's witnesses discussed a variety of solutions they believe could help bring down the cost of health care and provide better access for small businesses. One of the solutions was the creation of Association Health Plans (AHPs). AHPs allow small businesses to work together to provide the opportunity for their employees to purchase affordable healthcare.

"Because of the depth of the healthcare problem, I believe that all options should be considered," Lipinski stated. "But we must make sure that in covering more Americans we do not significantly undermine the coverage or treatment that Americans currently have. Health care that is inadequate or risky cannot be accepted."

Going Broke – In Style

"The economy is going like gangbusters, is it not? And, housing and stocks have soared to near all-time highs. If the government can't break even now, when will it ever break even?"

by Bill Bonner
www.dailyreckoning.com

America is going broke...in style. We say that not to alarm you. It's just one of those certainties in life that you should point out to your children, such as "the dollar will be worthless" and "we're all gonna die."

There's not even any great shame in it. Going bust is what every great empire does sooner or later. Besides, it may not happen for another quarter of a century - or maybe sooner.

Last month, ominously, the U.S. government registered a record deficit of $85.47 billion. That is, for every dollar the Feds sucked in, they managed to burn through a $1.50. But, why run up such hefty losses now? After all, the nation revels in "full employment," does it not? The economy is going like gangbusters, is it not? And, housing and stocks have soared to near all-time highs. If the government can't break even now, when will it ever break even?

If you have to ask the question, you must be out of step with the times. Every policy wonk, number abuser, and budgetary contortionist in Washington knows the U.S. government will never run a genuine un-manipulated surplus. Every Beltway buffoon in a suit is counting on it. Every parasitic politician knows that the positive numbers touted during the Clinton years were a ripe fraud, achieved only by pretending that Social Security was not a government program. Now, even that larcenous legerdemain won't change the ink color; the numbers are red from top to bottom, and getting redder all the time.

Among the seven wonders of the modern world is that lenders and merchants the world over are still not only willing to accept U.S. paper, but they are positively craving it. Last year, China alone racked up more than $200 billion in its trade surplus with the United States, and what did they do with all that money?

"China is on a buying spree in U.S.," says a headline in the Houston Chronicle.

"See," we can almost hear gorgeous George Gilder whisper in our ear, "the money comes back to us. What's the worry?"

No worry...just an observation. The money leaves home a servant; it comes back a master. The dollars are spent on consumer items. In other words, Americans use paper to buy junk while the Chinese hold on to it as capital and use it to pocket U.S. debt, U.S. factories, and U.S. assets. Americans used to be able to say what they wanted to the Chinese. Now they must say, "Yes sir." And it wouldn't hurt to learn to kowtow; the Chinese like that sort of thing.

Another observation: the dollar is losing ground against the things that aren't junk. The price of oil continues to edge up. A headline in the Financial Times tells us, "Gold could reach $850." That is the top price the metal reached in the last bull market, when Jimmy Carter was still president. Well, duh.

For more insight and analysis, please visit www.dailyreckoning.com

Publisher's Pen

Last week the doorbell rang at my home at 1:15 am. It not only woke me up, but my 91 year old mother. As I opened the drapes, I noticed it was a pizza delivery man, he had gotten into his car before I could speak to him. Therefore I thought he had left. Fifteen minutes later the back doorbell rang. I was frightened, but I looked out the door window, it was the pizza delivery man. I did not open the door, but he spoke and said he had the correct address, but the wrong name of the resident's home. He identified himself from Barraco's delivery. The order taker must have made a mistake.

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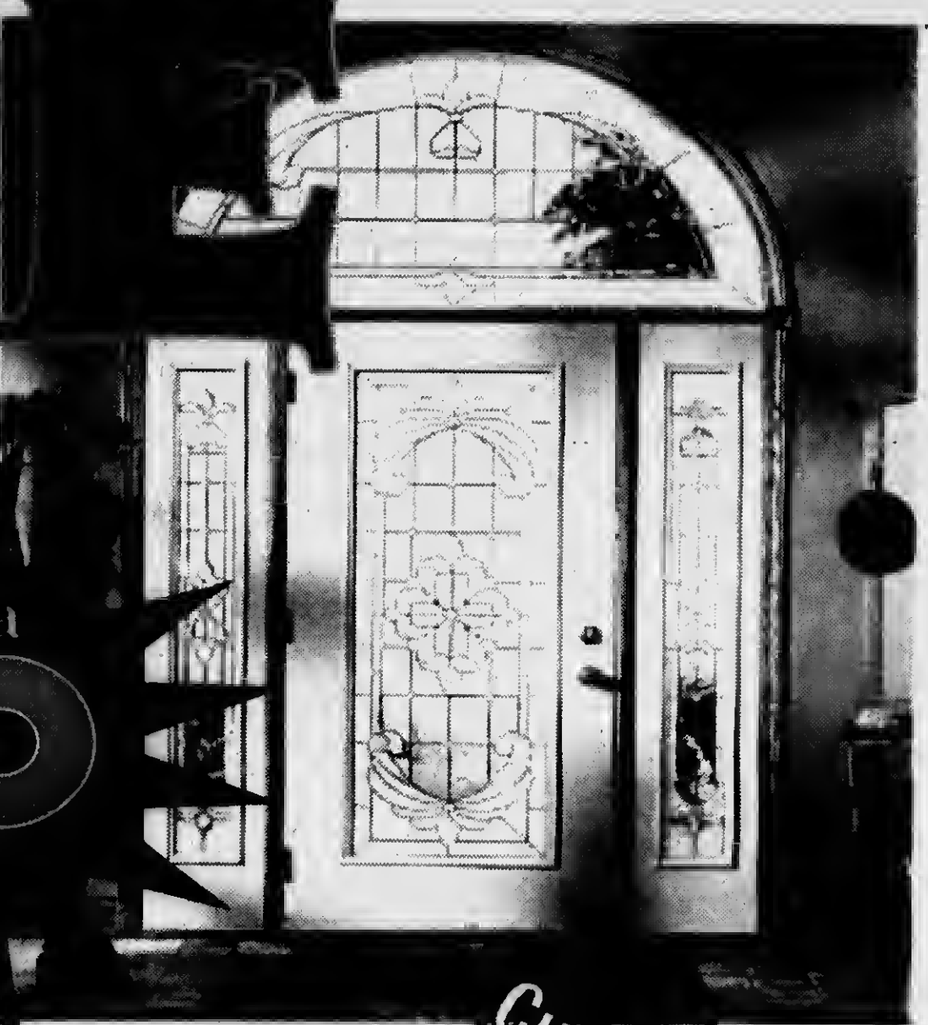

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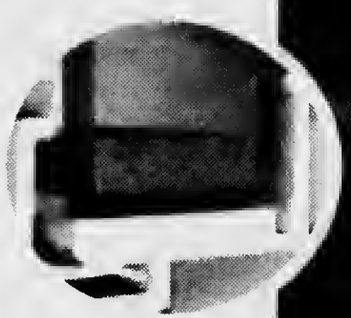

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Letters to the editor!

Dear editor,

Thank you for the recent publicity printed for the Rainbow Therapy Program. With the program training sessions being extended to Evergreen Park, I am pleased to report that we have eight new dogs and trainers in the new training session.

Dog and trainers volunteer time, talents and a caring attitude to help patients in hospital, nursing home and other settings. Betty and Cody are regular participants at Hope Advocate Children's Hospital. Cathy and Daisy are regular participants at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care facility.

Once again thank you in the media for spreading the word on our worthwhile endeavors.

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Dear editor,

Thank you for the recent copy of the newspaper article referencing "A view from the judges chair". I wrote David Orr's office, Maureen Murphy's office and the Sun Times and enclosed your item.

At M. Murphy's meeting, many judges discussed various problems. Most were similar and many were more horrendous than we had to deal with.

I received a call from Orr's office as they reportedly read the information sent. I suggested at the meeting at Murphy's that manuals should be available to judges before training classes so they can be more effective.

I have added the Village View's new article to my files on March 2006 Primary Election, and sent copies on to fellow judges.

Sincerely

Joyce Stroh (Technical Judge) Oak Lawn

Oak Lawn Dentist, Dr. James Hogg announced he is participating in a "Dental Extreme Makeover" program sponsored by the American Cosmetic Dental Laboratories Association (ACDLA).

Dr. Hogg in ACDLA program

Each month ACDLA issues a $5000 grant to provide cosmetic dental treatment to one lucky registered patient. Dr. Hogg is offering registration for the program, free of charge, to his current patients either on line or in person at the office. A new patient must first register on line at Http://www.findacosmeticdentist.com or complete the form in Dr. Hogg's Oak Lawn office at 10232 S. Central Avenue. The new patient must then receive an exam, necessary x-rays and cleaning to be eligible for the drawing.

The grant can be used towards procedures including Zoom Laser Tooth Whitening, Porcelain Veneers, Crows, Implants, Bridges, Dentures and Partial Dentures. Dr. Hogg's office number is 708-422-1900.

Commissioner Meany is honored

Commissioner Kathleen Therese Meany of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD), will be honored on Thursday, May 4 at the Parthenon Restaurant, 314 South Halsted, Chicago, from 5 to 7pm.

Meany was elected to the MWRD in 1990 and re-elected in 1996 and 2002. She has been Vice President of the District since 1994.

Meany has been a teacher for many years with the City Colleges of Chicago, where she teaches Political Science. She holds a BA from Roosevelt University and a master' degree from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

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Oak Lawn Garden Club sale

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will have a Plant sale on Saturday, May 6 at 10705 S. Kilbourn, Oak Lawn beginning at 9am. Plants on sale will be perennials, annuals and vegetables all under $5, raised by members in their gardens. Roberta Janet is in charge of the sale assisted by committee members Lori Cartolano, Joy Fett, Marci Stritch and Theresa Wasser.

At a recent luncheon officers installed are Marci Stritch, president, Rose Bennett, vice-president, June Curtis, corresponding secretary, Marilyn Mc Donald, treasurer and Lori Cartolano, recording secretary.

For further information call 708-424-4846.

CSO's corporate night raises $1.2 million

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's (CSO) Corporate Night 2006 reportedly raised a record $1.2 million to benefit the CSO. Grammy Award winner and Academy Award nominee Elvis Costello was the featured performer. The event offered a unique and exclusive opportunity to entertain clients in the corporate world.

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Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Looking back in time you just might see where you went wrong in a relationship that you wanted to last.

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Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You cannot undo or unsay things you already have said and done...so, move on and make new plans and new friends.

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Young or old, it just goes to show you that when you have a sense of humor you have it all!

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Mt Greenwood Garden Club meets

The Mt Greenwood Garden Club will hold their monthly meeting May 11, 2006 at 6:30pm at the Mt Greenwood Library, 11010 S. Kedzie Ave. The month's speaker is Corny Morgan, Past President and current Director of the Southwest Dahlia Club, in existence for 67 years. Morgan also plants and tends the garden at Lake Katherine Nature Preserve in Palos Heights.

He has traveled internationally to show blooms in dahlia shows and has grown them over thirteen years. He is president of the Orland Park Garden Club.

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by Judi Giglio

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Her shoes were black and tied up to the end.
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Jennifer Goodman and Thomas Nicholas

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Joffrey goes Motown

by Marijo Doody

When the Auditorium Theatre was approached, there were several people looking for tickets. That told me this was a special Joffrey Ballet event! The culmination of the 50th Anniversary Season is "Cool Vibrations."

It showcased three exciting works to contemporary music: the world premiere of "Motown Suite", the new work by Donald Byrd set to Motown hits; "Deuce Coupe", (1973) with choreography by Twyla Tharp and with music by the "Beach Boys"; and "Sometimes It Snows in April" with music of Prince.

When the curtain rung up, the Beach Boys music came on! Suddenly one realized the performance would not have live musicians. Suddenly Heather Aagard appeared shimmering with turns and elegant classical ballet movement. The colorful costumed other dancers arrived. You wanted to dance with the hip crowd, especially Julianne Kepley and partners Brian McSween and John Gluckman in the jazzy dare devil dancing. Many of the dancers were great in the funky feeling in "Alley Oop" including April Daley, Ikolo Griffin, Valerie Robin, Jennifer Goodman and Michael Smith. The conclusion "Cuddle Up" danced by Willie Shives, Calvin Kitten and Suzanne Lopez was most touching. All the memories returned to a time when younger and the dance era of the rock and roll era was evident.

"Motown Suite" began with "Dancing in the Street." The disco beat with high-energy dance was marvelous with the Corp de Ballet. Costuming by Suzy Benzinger was really cool. The Motown era was a time of optimism and idealism in the 60's and the Vietnam War. Music themes were youthful, conveyed unrequited love regardless of race and sang the sentiments of joy and sorrow.

Byrd the choreographer, is known for his edgy style and daring elements and recently did "The Color Purple' on Broadway.

Byrd has taken the advantage of the Joffrey dancers technical powers and skills and created acrobatic, romantic and riveting duets. Evidence is "Where Did Our Love Go" with Jennifer Goodman and Tom Nicholas All the dancers seemed to be having a great time as was the audience.

In program notes, Byrd indicated "I have always had an interest in the place where pop culture and higher art intersect, for the new work for Joffrey, and how the black vernacular dance may link to ballet and to integrate the two."

In "Sometimes It Snows in April" Laura Dean, choreographer, approaches Prince's music and builds a powerhouse finale that sends everyone the flashiest movements of the night. This, thus merges the bill on classical ballet and the pop world. The audience loved it as seen by the standing ovation at the end!

The program runs through May 7 at the Auditorium Theatre. Call 312-902-1500

Noble Fool expands to children's programming

Noble Fool Theatricals is proud to expand its programming with a show designed for kids, creatively called "Novel Ideas" which opens in April and runs through August 27, 2006. Show time is Saturday and Sunday morning at 10:30 am. Tickets are $10 for children and $6 for accompanying adult.

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Remy Bumppo presents US premiere "Power"

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Drury Lane Oakbrook presents Nunsensations

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Orland approves Metra track survey

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a contract agreement with W.C.Doland Engineering Inc. of Palatine for $34,000 at the April 3 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. W.C. Doland will perform topographical survey services of the Metra Railroad right of way from 144th Place to 2,500 feet east of La Grange Road and the La Grange Road right of way from 142nd St to 500 feet north of the existing railroad crossing. A contract was also awarded to ECS, LLC for $15,977 to provide environmental testing services for the police facility.

A request to enter into a contractual agreement with the State of Illinois Liquor Commission for the continuation of the Tobacco Enforcement Program grant through June 2007 was also approved as well as a request to waive the bidding process and approve the purchase of two used 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycles from Chi-Town Harley Davidson in Tinley Park.

The board approved a site plan and building elevations titled "Orland Park Place Retail Building" at the former Chi Chi's restaurant site at 151st St and LaGrange Road subject to the following stipulations: the petitioner must submit a landscape plan for separate review and approval within 60 days of the final engineering approval, all engineering items must also be met. A variance request to allow for parking in the set back area, which will reduce the lot setback from ten to nine feet along LaGrange Road and will reduce the foundation area landscaping requirements from 70 to 0 percent was also approved as well as a request for a minor special use ordinance to allow for a 12,745 square foot Life Style Fitness Center at 11341 W. 183rd Street. .

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Orland Park Presbyterian celebrated 30th Anniversary

Through out the years, the Orland Park Presbyterian Church has grown from the small white church on 143rd and West Ave to a larger building on 134th and Wolf Rd with over 300 members. The charter was signed on May 2, 1975 to establish the church.

On Saturday, May 6 the 30th Anniversary with a congregational dinner will be celebrated. On May 7th there will be a special anniversary worship service with Orland Park's first pastor Rev. Fred Holper as a guest preacher. A tea in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Displayed will be photos and two anniversary quilts. For information call Janet at 708-448-8142.

Together We Cope holds golf outing

The third annual golf outing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 at the Odyssey Country Club. Lunch will be at 11:30 am on the course during registration followed by a 12:30pm shotgun start. Tickets for golf and dinner are $110, golf only is $80 and dinner only is $40. For more information call TWC office at 708-633-5040.

Dance 4 All Ballet and Dance Studio in Orland Park

Dance students collect toys for Project Share. This organization participate with charitable activities year round.

City of Oak Forest news

The City of Oak Forest has reported progress on obtaining insurance costs; City Clerk, Scott Burkhardt detailed. Working with the newly constituted City Safety Committee and Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF), the City's Worker's Compensation Insurance Carrier, the city released figures showing a 91% decrease in Worker's Compensation claim activity. According to IPRE records for December 15, 2004 to March 31, 2005, claims paid totaled $540,000. In the current period of December 15, 2005 to March 31, 2006, claims submitted totaled $47,000.

Historic data shows that for the years 2001 through 2005, approximately $2.4 million has been paid out in settled Oak Forest Worker's Compensation cases. Because of the amount of claims, IPRF is now actively working with the City to identify areas were improvement can be made.

Burkhardt said, "the City has taken a proactive stance toward employee safety and it is equally important that safe work practices are emphasized and made part of the every day work habits." City employees and respective Department Heads are involved in additional safety training as well as examining individual incidents at the monthly Safety Committee meeting.

Safety on the job must not be compromised for any reason because if someone is hurt it effects their family and the city. While keeping cost down, it is important to make sure everyone is careful and common sense and existing rules and procedures are followed and all remain safe in the work environment. We are doing a better job now and hopeful the trend will continue."

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 2nd: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi* and this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com*
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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: You may benefit from the efforts of others by "letting" them help you. It's in your Karma to let them and in theirs to help you.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: If it's money you need you can ask for it. If it's love you want, you may find this in someone born in Capricorn or Pisces.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: A woman of mystery enters your life and you may not know how to react to her and what she offers. Trust your instincts.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Looking back in time you just might see where you went wrong in a relationship that you wanted to last.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You could learn a lot by going "inside" of your own mind. You could find you have a talent so far unrealized.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are earthbound and you may feel bored with relationships old and new. One thing for sure, it's an interesting week.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You cannot undo or unsay things you already have said and done…so, move on and make new plans and new friends.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Leo born people and professional people are entering your life to better it for and with you. Let the past be…

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: If the answers you get about love and money seem negative, move on. You may be out on a limb not attached to any trees.

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"One-on-One Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm [next date is May 15th]. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. New tape: My Baby's Future [$19.95 Cassette/CD]. Business problems: ask about "Idea Genii." Soon: "Don't Read This Book - Living The Lie."
Psychic Insights
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Where "Miracles" Happen

There is no way to accurately tell how many people ask "if" miracles really happen. I personally know without a shadow of a doubt that miracles do happen, not once or twice in someone's life, but over and over and over again when sought out in a respectful and sincere manner. I hear from people who are desperately seeking a miracle for themselves or someone they love or care about. I know where miracles happen and am willing to tell those who ask me where they can go to find what they are looking for. If anyone out there wants to know where these places are, email me at jackimari@sbcglobal.net or write to me at P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. If you write to me please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I especially urge those of you with computers to tell people you know who do not have computers to write to me. Watch for my new, upcoming site Beyond Logic.Info and more to come about ***Idea Genii.*** Jacki Mari & Alyn

Blue Island Library hosts two sessions on Da Vinci Code

It opens Friday, May 19th, the long awaited film version of Dan Brown's controversial novel, the Da Vinci Code. The book's assertions about the artist and early Christian history and text are a source of controversy worldwide. In Rome recently, a movie poster was reportedly removed from the façade of a church.(AP).

On the eve of the film's premiere, Blue Island Library is offering two sessions dealing with the book and the considerable discussion it has raised.

The first session on Thursday, May 11th at 7pm will present Art Historian, Professor Jeff Mushur who will Blue Island Library explore DaVinci's life and work and questions raised in the book.

The second session on Wednesday, May 17th at 7pm features a panel discussion with Librarians and Blue Island Pastors on the book's place in popular culture as well as issues it raises about early Christian history, religious texts and related topics.

Both evenings are free but require tickets. Tickets are available at the library's Main Desk beginning May 1. The Library is handicapped accessible and located at 2433 York in Blue Island. Call Dan at 708-388-1078 ex 30 for more information.

Barbershop program in Tinley Park

The South Cook County Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society proudly presents "Singing Men at Work." It is a showcase of music presented in the barbershop style. Jurassic Larks the 98 International Seniors Quartet Champions will be featured as well as The Chordettes, 2005 4th place Rising Star Medalists.

The program is Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 2:30 and 7pm at Andrew High School located 9001 W. 171st Street. Pre-show tickets are $14. Call 708-570-1169.

Decorating Using What You Own

Interior stylist, Julea Joseph, presents a comprehensive workshop on quick and easy decorating with existing belongings from your home environment.

Along with basic rules for decorating rooms, you will learn how to weed through existing belongings, uncover hidden treasures, and make smart shopping choices for incorporating a few new pieces into your home's design.

This program will be on Wednesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library. The library is located at 11960 S. Pulaski in Alsip. Contact the Adult Services Department at 708/ 371-5666 for more information and to register.

Truman's grandson remembers at Blue Island Library

On Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm the Blue Island Library will welcome Clifton Truman Daniel for an evening of warm personal remembrances of his grandfather, President Harry S. Truman. Refreshments will follow.

Daniel is the oldest grandson of the late President and son of the late E. Clifton Daniel Jr., former managing editor of the New York Times and bestselling mystery writer Margaret Truman.

Daniel serves on the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo. and Director of Public Relations for Harry S. Truman College in Chicago.

Daniel has been a journalist and speaker and authored one book, "Growing Up with My Grandfather: Memories of Harry S. Truman. He is a Chicago resident with his wife and family.

Tickets are required form the event. Obtain them at the Main Desk of the Library. The library is located 2433 York and the number is 708-388-1078 ex 30 for Dan.Carroll.

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Unwanted medicine disposal cites in Worth and Orland Park

Unused medications improperly disposed of can cause serious problems to you and your environment. Two local sites noted for the Wednesday, May 31, 2006 disposal day are the Orland Township Senior Center, 15100 S 94th Avenue and the Worth Township Senior Center in Alsip at 11601 S. Pulaski Road.

No syringes will be taken, however prescription and nonprescription medications will be disposed of in a safe manner.

The program is sponsored by Chicago Police, Cook County Sheriff's Police, Illinois Attorney General's Office, Chicago Department of Public Health, Chicago Department on Aging, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. For information call 311, 773-869-7724 in the suburbs or visit the web www.cookcountysheriff.org.

Family Programs

All programs will be held at the Lake Katherine Environmental Learning Center. Reservations are required for all programs. Registration and payment for programs must be in person at Lake Katherine no later than the Thursday before the program.
(NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED)
Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. For more information please contact our Naturalists at 708/361-1873

Simply Birds

Enjoy an early morning stroll through the preserve in search of migrating birds. This naturalist lead bird walk is geared for both the beginner and the seasoned birder. Bring your binoculars and your curiosity. Cost: FreeMin/ Max: 6/16
Saturdays, May 6, 20, 27 at 7:30 a.m.

Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens
and the Friends of the Chicago River present
The 13th Annual
Lake Katherine Alien Hunt
Saturday, May 13, 2006
9:00am -1:30pm

Join us at the Lake Katherine Nature Center in search of non-native plant species. We will be removing Buckthorn and pulling garlic mustard from the Loretta Kupchick Woodland Wildflower Garden underneath the woodland canopy in the Eastern Preserve.

Cool looking T-shirts and a free lunch will be provided to all volunteers.

This is a fun day, so tell your friends.

Scout groups, this is a great opportunity to do community service. Hope to see you there!

Call Lake Katherine at 708/361-1873 to reserve your lunch and T-shirt.

May Hayride and Campfire
Fun with potatoes. We'll bake potatoes on our campfire, play potato games, sing songs and go for a night Friday

May 19, 2006 7:00pm

Chicago Ridge reinforces Roche property clean up

by Matt Mayer

Mr. Roche was advised once again at the April 18 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting to clean up his property in the industrial park. Roche has been cited for numerous violations over the years; one such violation was the housing of trucks and trailers with the contents unknown. As well as removing the trucks, Roche was also requested to clean up and pave the property as well as plant trees. If the Roche doesn't comply by the June 1 deadline, he will be cited for violations until the work is completed.

The board approved a business license request for 10500 C, Southwest Highway as well as two additional speed bumps to be installed at 10325 and 10426 S. Nashville Ave. The installation of barbed wire fencing adjacent to the water tower behind the Elks Club for security purposes was also approved as well as a fire department request for the tuition reimbursement of $1,000 for Firefighter Victor Kiman. Gary Swiercz also received the oath of office as Deputy Fire Chief.

United Methodist Church of Worth holds rummage sale

The United Methodist Church of Worth will hold its Semi-Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, May 19th from 10:00am to 2:00pm and on Saturday, may 20th from 9:am to 1:00pm. All are welcome.

United Methodist Church is located at 7100 W. 111th St. in Worth. The number is 708-448-6687.

CR Library presents homeschool happenings

The Chicago Ridge Library is holding the May Homeschool Happenings meeting on Friday, May 5th at 1pm. All parents and children of homeschool families are invited to a book talk. Bring a copy of a favorite book to share. We will complete a list and pass it out in June.

For more information or to register call 708-423-7753 or stop by the Youth Services Desk librarian Constance VanSwol.

The library is located at 10400 South Oxford Ave.

County Corner News

by Joan Murphy Cook
County Commissioner

Celebrate springtime! Get outside and enjoy nature at its best. Visit www.fpdcc.com for program information on Camp Sagawau in Lemont, Little Red School House in Willow Springs, Sand Ridge Nature Center in South Holland, Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe and Brookfield Zoo.

Cook County Forest Preserve's Calendar of Events is full of exciting and interesting topics for all ages.

If you are interested in protecting and preserving the beauty of the forest become a volunteer by calling the Preserve Keepers Corps at 773-637-1790.

My office is always available to address your questions and concerns.

Please call 708-389-2125.

Mother's memory honored through art

Marcia Smat Bradley, Jim Smat (father) Joanne Smat Kagan and Tom Smat (brother) stand near the painting "Angel Pie" donated to the Cancer Center at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center in honor of their mother, Shirley Smat.

Two sisters dedication to their mother's memory recently bridged the country's coasts, to bring beautitful artwork to Evergreen Park. Joanne Smat Kagan, now of Durham, NC and Marcia Smat Bradley of San Diego brought six stunning paintings to Little Company's Cancer Center. The sisters are formerly from the Beverly area and donated the artworks in memory of their mother Shirley Smat a former patient.

Shirley inspired the donation while receiving treatment, where her five children were born. She mentioned to her children that it would be enjoyable to see colorful artwork covering the walls of the radiation oncology department.

Kagan said, "it is fitting that in her final days she thought of beauty and art and after a lifetime of service from the hospital that art and my mother could be a part of this contribution to LCM". The donated pieces were selected because of their ability to offer color, peace and the opportunity to dream while receiving treatment LCM has numerous programs for families. Check it out.

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Photo: Sr. Mary Ventura, O.P. (center) IAWC L to R: Ginger Morgan, President Scholarship winners: Natalie Levine, Taylor Lazzara, and Susan Chernetzki, Carol Broadway, Treaurer

Italian American Women's Club presents scholarship awards

The Italian American Women's Club (IAWC), Evergreen Park, recently presented the First Scholarship Awards for women of Italian descent. The club's mission is to foster Italian American Women and their advances in the field of education.

Funding was derived from the sale of Italian American Women's Club Cookbook. The Cookbook Committee included Carol Broadway, Treasurer, Sr. Mary Ventura O.P., 2nd Vice President and Virginia Cook.

IAWC organized an Education committee to judge scholarship applicants for 2006 awards. Applicants submitted their names along with their vita for award consideration.

Taylor Lazzara, of Evergreen Park, graduates May 2006 from Marist High School and will pursue studies at St. Ambrose University in Iowa. She was an academic scholar, active in cheer leading, dance and sports.

Natalie Levine, an actress, is originally from Orland Park and now resides in Chicago. She will pursue drama, vocal and other graduate programs to further her career.

Susan Chernetzki, currently in Real Estate Sales, resides in Downers Grove and will pursue a degree in Nutrition in the Health Care Field.

The Italian American Women have written two books including "Italian American Women of Chicagoland" published by Arcadia. It is available at Borders and other bookstores. The Cookbook is currently available at most Italian Specialty Stores, or you can call Sr. Mary Ventura O.P. at St. Bernadette School, 708-857-2005.

Bridgview Chamber holds golf outing and raffle

The Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting the 29th Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at Carriage Greens Country Club in Darien Illinois. The event will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. Reservations are requested for both golf and dinner. Call now to reserve at 708-598-1700.

The drawing for the Bridgeview Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Annual $10,000 Grand Raffle drawing is to be held at the Annual Golf Outing and Dinner. 400 tickets at $50 a ticket will be sold. Call the Chamber number to purchase tickets through June 12, 2006. The number is 708-598-1700. The Chamber is located at 7300 W. 87th Street in Bridgeview. Roseann Bautista is Executive Director.

St. Gerald's School will hold an open house on May 18th

St. Gerald School at 8320 S. 55 Court in Oak Lawn will be hosting an Open House on May 18th from 7:00 to 9:00. St. Gerald offers classes for children age 3 and 4 as well as Kindergarten through 8th grade.

St. Gerald's classes include religion, P.E., music, library, computer, Spanish, as well as a full academic schedule.

Lunches cooked on site are available each day. Extra curricular activities, extended day care, extra curricular activities and sports compliment the school program.

For more information, please call the school office at 708-422-0121 ext. 0 during regular school hours.

Evergreen Park resident makes education a priority

Evergreen Park resident José Méndez received a master's degree in economics May 12, 2006 from Roosevelt University in downtown Chicago.

"The principles of economics when properly understood are more powerful than most people realize. You can not understand our modern world without a proper grounding in economics," Méndez said, explaining why he chose this field of study.

Méndez, is currently employed with AT&T and works in Oak Park. He and wife Jo Ann and son Jonathan have lived in Evergreen Park for eight years. His 10-year-old son Jonathan is a member of the local Cub Scouts,Troop Number3656. In 1987, Mendez received a

Jose Mendez

bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He said his immediate plans are to go on and obtain a doctorate in political philosophy from UIC.

He said he wants to combine his study of economics with his love of political philosophy. "The first principle of economics is scarcity. The first principle of politics is to ignore the first principle of economics," Méndez said, quoting Thomas Sowell, one of his favorite economists.

Evergreen Park has new police vehicles

by Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton announced at the May 1, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting that police department is seeking good men and woman for the police department. The deadline for testing is May 12 - interested individuals may call 1-800-343HIRE for further information. Police Chief Mike Saunders announced that the first black and white police cruiser is now on the street with three additional units to follow as well as a transportation vehicle. The change from solid white to black and white is intended to make the vehicle more pronounced.

The board approved a contract with Strda Construction for the 50-50-sidewalk replacement program. Residents will pay $43.62 per square and the village will pay the remainder from the community block grant funds. Additional information is available by calling the street department at 422-1562.

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Publisher's Pen

by Annette Dixon

This is the fairy tale of Peter and Frances and the house that Peter built!

Long ago Peter and Frances married and moved to a far away land where there were few people, but a nice little town in Tinley Park, around 174th and Oak Park Ave.

Frances's two best friends lived in Chicago and thought why would she move away from everything that was accessible to her and her family.

Frances assured them that she loved her new home, for Peter and she would be able to raise a family within a cleaner environment.

Well that is exactly what they had. They raised their own vegetables on a half an acre of land along with fruit trees and their own bees so that they would have honey. Frances loved to can and share her fruits of labor. Carole and I were blessed with living proof that her garden was plentiful.

Peter didn't mind driving 25 miles back and forth to work knowing that on the weekend he would be able to relax in his own back yard by working on the garden, and caring for his bees.

As time went on, the two children attended the schools in Tinley Park. They grew up, one left home after college, got married and even moved out of town. The other child stayed in Tinley Park and even worked in Tinley Park most of his adult life. How convenient and simple life was then.

Frances and Peter renovated their old frame home yearly and even purchased the home next to them giving them a full acre of land.

Along came a monster with a super extravaganza idea serving the community with a multiple screen movie complex theatre, shopping mall, underground parking lot, along with townhomes and condos.

This frighten Peter and Frances, for they knew they were going to lose their home. Peter didn't know what to do about the monster, all he knew was that he was retired and wanted to live the rest of his life on land that belong to him.

People were very kind to him and told him how sorry they are for him knowing that he cannot do anything about his situation.

Peter thanked the people for all their support, but that didn't help him with feeling that the monster is the one making trouble for him. The village is making him feel guilty for not wanting progress for the Village of Tinley Park.

Well as I said the fairy tale didn't end yet.

What if Peter and Frances were offered so much money that they couldn't resist the offer? Would they accept the money, well than the fairy tale would end?

As long as Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dennis refuses any offer there will always be this fairy tale. Oh wait a minute did someone mention the words eminent domain?

Could the Village take Peter and Frances's home away from them and only give them market value. Oh no, how could this happen! In a fairy tale, it doesn't happen. Not in Tinley Park it doesn't, for Tinley Park officials never had to use eminent domain.

I hope for the sake of Peter and Frances Dennis someone comes knocking on their door and says, "It's not worth using your property for underground parking. Keep your land, and enjoy the fruitsof your labor.

As the fairy tale ends the developer is happy with less acreage, Tinley Park officials work out a deal with the developer, and Peter and Frances have their property.

Palos Township Assessor holds workshop

Robert L. Maloney, Palos Township Assessor has scheduled an Assessment Workshop for Thursday, May 18 at 7pm at Palos Township 10802 Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

Staff from the Cook County Assessor's Office Taxpayer Information Department will be on hand to speak and answer individual questions from homeowners on the process.

Maloney encourages all homeowners in Palos Township to attend the informational program. The Palos Township Assessor's Office is 708-598-4418.

Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 28th Annual Dinner Meeting

An evening of good food and fellowship awaits you at the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library 28th Annual Dinner Meeting Thursday, June 1 at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Ave. The cost is $20 per person. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservation forms are available at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th. The reservation deadline is Friday, May 26.

Participants will be treated to a full dinner featuring a delicious chicken entree, the annual book raffle drawing (where everyone wins), early registrations for two Grant Park Festival concert trips and a special free gift for all who attend.

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library is a nonprofit organization committed to promoting use of the Oak Lawn Public Library, furnishing equipment and materials that are beyond the library's budget and bringing opportunities for cultural enrichment to area residents. Membership forms are available at the library's Reception Booth and via the Friends' web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org/friends.htm).

For additional information, call Linda Olsen, public relations, 708-422-4990.

Library Holiday Closing

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St., will be closed Sunday and Monday, May 28 and 29 in observance of Memorial Day. The library's regular hours are: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Starting May 28, the library will be closed Sundays until mid-September.

Marist High School celebrates their 40th graduating class

Marist High School will usher in a new tradition on Thursday, May 18, 2006, when the school holds commencement exercises for its first coeducational class of students at 7:00 p.m. in the main gym.

The 447 members of the class of 2006 will be the 40th graduating class from Marist High School. Diplomas will be presented and the valedictorian, Drew Ahern (Beverly) will address the class.

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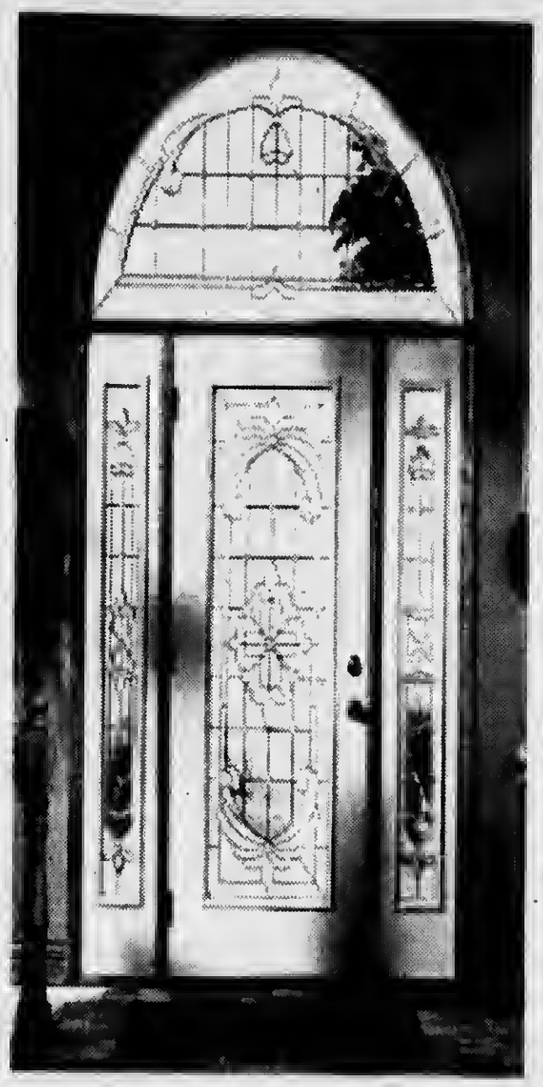

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Saint Xavier University and Moraine Valley Community College agreement

Nursing students benefit from partnership

Chicago (May 8, 2006) – Saint Xavier University and Moraine Valley Community College have signed a dual admission agreement to provide a smoother transfer experience for nursing students between the two schools.

Under the agreement, Moraine students earning an associate in applied science degree in Nursing can complete a bachelor of science degree in Nursing at Saint Xavier's Orland Park campus. Student progress is facilitated through timely completion of program requirements and improved sequencing of learning experiences.

"With the significant national nursing shortage and clear evidence that a baccalaureate prepared nursing workforce is associated with better patient outcomes, our dual admission agreement with Moraine Valley Community College allows students to move quickly into the baccalaureate nursing courses and bring special skills to the patients," said Anne R. Bavier, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing at Saint Xavier University.

Participating students benefit from guidance from both institutions, which provides access to a wider array of choices for academic planning to meet students' personal goals, preferences and needs.

"We think that this agreement will benefit our students and graduates of the Moraine Valley nursing program, while responding to the community's need for nurses with advanced degrees in our community healthcare workplaces," said Peggy Machon, assistant dean for career programs and director of health sciences at Moraine Valley Community College.

Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., said the agreement is a win-win situation for all involved. "The dual admission agreement in nursing continues our strong relationship with Moraine Valley Community College. It reinforces one of our key values of lifelong learning by guiding students into SXU prerequisites while they complete their MVCC nursing courses."

Students in Moraine's nursing program interested in participating in the partnership program are encouraged to take prescribed prerequisite "bridge" courses in preparation for the RN-BSN. Courses can be taken either at Moraine or Saint Xavier prior to or concurrently with their enrollment in the RN-BSN program.

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 out of a possible 4.0 from Moraine and have passed the NCLEX-RN exam will be fully admitted into Saint Xavier's RN-BSN program at the Orland Park campus. Application fees will be waived for participants in this program.

For more information, please contact Saint Xavier University's Robert Weierman at (773) 298-6210 or Carol Yukich at (773) 298-3724.

Brother Rice announces summer camps

The schedule for Brother Rice's summer camp is as follows: Boys camp: three sessions for boys age 6-11 from 9:30am-3pm. Session I is June 12-16, Session II is June 19-23 and Session III is June 26-30: contact Mark Klucharch.

Football Camp: Session I : June 12-16 for boys in grades 5-8 from 10:30am to noon.

Contact Steve Nye

Session II: June 12-22 (M,T,W, TH) incoming Br. Rice Freshmen: 3:30-5:30pm.

Soccer Camp: Session I: June 26-30: boys and girls in grades 1-8 at 1-4pm.

Session II; June 12-July 28, from 4-6 pm. for incoming Brother Rice Freshmen

Call Nick Markulin

Baseball Camp: Session I: June 26-29; for boys in grades 3-5 8am to 9:30am; Session II: June 26-29: boys in grades 6-7 at 10-11:30am.: Session III: June 26-29: for 8th grade and incoming Br. Rice Freshmen: 12:30-2pm. Contact Tim Lyons

Basketball Camp: Session 1A; July 10-14; boys in grades 5-6 at 9-10:30am: Session IB: July 10-14: boys in grades 7-8 at 10:30am to noon: Session IC: July 10-14: for incoming Br. Rice Freshmen from 1-2:30pm.

Session 2A: July 17-21: for boys in grades 5-6 from 9-10:30am: Session 2B: July 17-21: for boys in grades 7-8 at 10:30am to noon: Session 2C; July 17-21 for incoming Br. Rice Freshmen at 1-2:30pm. Contact Pat Richardson

Wrestling Camp: July 24-26: for incoming Br. Rice Freshmen 5:30-7:30pm.

Volleyball Camp: Session I: July 25-29: boys in grades 5-6 at 9-10:30am: Session II; Aug. 1-5: boys in grades 5-6 at 9-10:30am: Session III: July 25-29: boys in grades 7-8 at 10:30am to noon: Session IV: boys in grades 7-8 at 10:30am to noon: Session V; July 25-29: incoming Br. Rice Freshmen at 1-2:30pm: Session VI: incoming Br. Rice Freshmen at 1-2:30pm; Contact Br. Ickes.

Questions should be directed to the Br. Rice Athletic Department at 773-429-4345 between 8am and 1pm.

Mount Assisi's Alyssa O'Connor Named GSBF Scholar

The Give Something Back Foundation, in conjunction with Mount Assisi Academy, is proud to announce that senior Alyssa O'Connor is the recipient of the inaugural 2006 Give Something Back Foundation Scholarship Award. This scholarship award is a four-year, renewable scholarship in the amount of $5,000 per year for up to four years - $20,000 total. Alyssa was selected from a pool of applicants for this prestigious award, with the selection criteria including class ranking (top third), family income. Alyssa, an Oak Lawn Illinois resident, will attend Valparaiso University in fall 2006, and plans to major in computer science with a minor in business administration.

Over the past 10 years, Alyssa O'Connor and her family has dealt with significant health challenges, as her mother has ALS - amyotrophic lateral sclerosis - more commonly know as Lou Gehrig's disease. Mrs. O'Connor was diagnosed when Alyssa was in second grade and the disease has progressed to the point where she is only able to move and communicate with her eyes. In addition to carrying a full class load at Mount Assisi Academy and working part-time, Alyssa assists with her mother's care - cleaning tubes and feeding and many other tasks that a senior in high school could never consider being a part of their day.

"I am totally overwhelmed," Alyssa responded when asked how she felt about the GSBF Scholarship award. "This scholarship removes a huge burden and literally takes the weight off my shoulders when it comes to college this fall. It will help my parents, and provide me with additional incentive to excel in college," Alyssa commented. Alyssa has a younger sister who will help out with care for their mother. During the summer months, Alyssa will continue working her part-time job at G & L Trophies and Gifts in Oak Lawn - and maybe even get a bit of caddying in as well.

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The Give Something Back Foundation Sponsors "Teacher Recognition " Award

Sister M. Kathleen Vugrinovich Honored with Inaugural Award

The Give Something Back Foundation, in conjunction with Mount Assisi Academy , is proud to announce that Sister M. Kathleen Vugrinovich is the recipient of its 2006 Teacher Recognition Award. Sister Kathleen was nominated along with three other Mount Assisi faculty members for this inaugural honor, with the selection criteria including excellence in the classroom as well as "going above and beyond the requirements of the job when nobody is looking." Sister Kathleen currently teaches honors English and History classes and is the moderator of the "Assisian," Mount Assisi Academy's yearbook. The award was presented to her this morning at the school's annual May Crowning and Senior Awards liturgy.

Sister Kathleen came to Mount Assisi from her hometown in Sheboygan, Wisconsin in 1956 as high school student preparing to enter the order of the School Sisters of St. Francis of Christ the King. After graduation from Mount Assisi, Sister Kathleen continued her education at the University of St. Francis where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in English. Her postgraduate education includes earning a master of arts degree in History from Loyola University. She has taught at Mount Assisi for over 30 years and also has served as administrator for Alvernia Manor.

"I am surprised and honored," stated Sister Kathleen upon learning that she was the 2006 winner of The Give Something Back Foundation Teacher Recognition Award. "I love to teach and have been blessed early on with several good examples that taught me that it's all about giving of ourselves to our students," Sister Kathleen continued.

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For more information regarding Mount Assisi Academy, please contact Donna Murphy at 630-257-7844, extension 23.For more information regarding The Give Something Back Foundation, please contact Steve Cardamone, Executive Director at 708-301-5299.

OCS holds Annual Blood Drive

The Office of Senior Citizens' Services (OCS) in Evergreen Park will sponsor their Annual Blood Drive at the H.B .Maher Community Center on Saturday, June 24 from 8am to 2pm. It is located 3450 W 97th St.

Please consider donating blood if able. For your convenience, phone 708-442-8776 to make an appointment. Donors are greatly appreciated as community drives rely on them to maintain a sufficient blood supply for the Village. Donated blood is literally the "gift of life."

Sertoma recognizes Oak Lawn award winner Ted Kumzi

Ted Kumzi was recognized for his good works by Sertoma and received their Service to Mankind Award. Ted and his wife Sue are members of St. Linus parish in Oak Lawn. Village View Publications joins in the congratulations to Ted Kumzi.

Sertoma the organization looks to support and encourage those who are making life better in the community. Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center provides a wide range of testing, therapy and services for children and adults with speech related difficulties. Included are correcting voice problems, stuttering, neuro changes, autism, down syndrome and other ailments.

Free speech screening is offered for ages 3 and up weekly. Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is the only nonprofit community based center in the south and southwest suburbs. There are three locations: 10409 S. Roberts Road in Palos Hills, 18141 Dixie Highway in Homewood and 1219 Lakeview Court in Romerville. To make an appointment, call 708-599-9500.

Little Company's Halsted Medical Center has program

The Little Company's Halsted Medical Center hosted community residents and a Diabetes Screening and lecture at the center, 736 W. 95th Street in Chicago.

The program featured Little Company Diabetes Center professionals Deborah Murray, RN, BSN, and Maria Londos, RD. They spoke on the disease and ways to control it.

The lecture was followed by some screenings, talks with the speakers and healthy refreshments.

For information on the community programs offered by LCM Halsted Medical Center, call 773-487-9500.

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Best Wishes, Carlene O'Connor

Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church holds sale

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church located 8426 W. 95th St. will hold their Annual Indoor Yard Sale on Friday, June 2 from 9am to 3pm; and Saturday, June 3 from 9am to 1pm. Everything is half price on Saturday, June 3.

Donations of sale items can be dropped off at the church, Tuesday, May 30 through Thursday June 1 from 10am to 6pm.

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 16th thru May 29th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. You can also find this column and my *Numi* column at *TheDailyPsychic.Com*

Help me Network this column-Telafriend

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Reach for the stars this week and all that exists under them! Open your mind, know you can do [whatever] and do it. F & R aid.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Your innermost needs may be met quite suddenly, like an Angel did it for you. Be honest with mate, talk more. D can help.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Yes you can fly in a dream and enjoy it! Such dreams however, can mean that you are trying to escape from someone. L aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Talk of a wedding surprises you, especially if you are asked to be a part of it. You may want to lose weight or spruce up.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Someone wants to help you with housing matters, i.e., buying, selling, decorating, etc. Take the help! J & R help.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You seem to be in people's thoughts, and even in their dreams! Everyone affects other people's lives, good or bad.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You seem a bit hesitant to take chances on your own skills, especially your communicative skills. Speak up! Folks listen!

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You are on a "win-win" streak. Some simply get what they most want by asking or having winning tickets. D aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Someone J like Judy or John speaks up for you, making you realize that their friendship is for real. Dreams reveal truth.

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Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
Miracles Can Happen

Many of you have asked me where those Miracles happen that I wrote about. I thought it best to publish them here in this column after all since, there are so many people needing something good to happen for them. One such place is in the solitude of your own bedroom with no music on, nor television, just quiet! Talk to God in your own words. Ask to receive. Be specific. Then there is a church in St. Anne, IL. It's a place where it is told that people once went to in wheel chairs and on crutches and were able to leave those things there and simply go home. It's off I-57 South East of Kankakee [about 10-15 miles]. You can go to the Carmelite Shrines in Munster, Indiana [1628 Ridge Road]. This place is like a "retreat" with plenty of Quartz Crystals, and I have personally heard from people of the many Miracles that happen when they go there. One more place is where the Tree brings forth Water [I will post this later].

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Oak Lawn Community Church holds flea market

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland Avenue will hold an Outdoor Flea Market and Indoor Church Rummage Sale on June 24, 2006 from 9am to 3pm. They will accept 40 sellers on a first come, first served basis. It is $10 per space.

Contact Lee Kremposky at 708-599-4025 for information or to receive an application or stop in the church office any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday between 9am and 2:30pm

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Mt Zion Evangelical in Oak Lawn holds breakfast

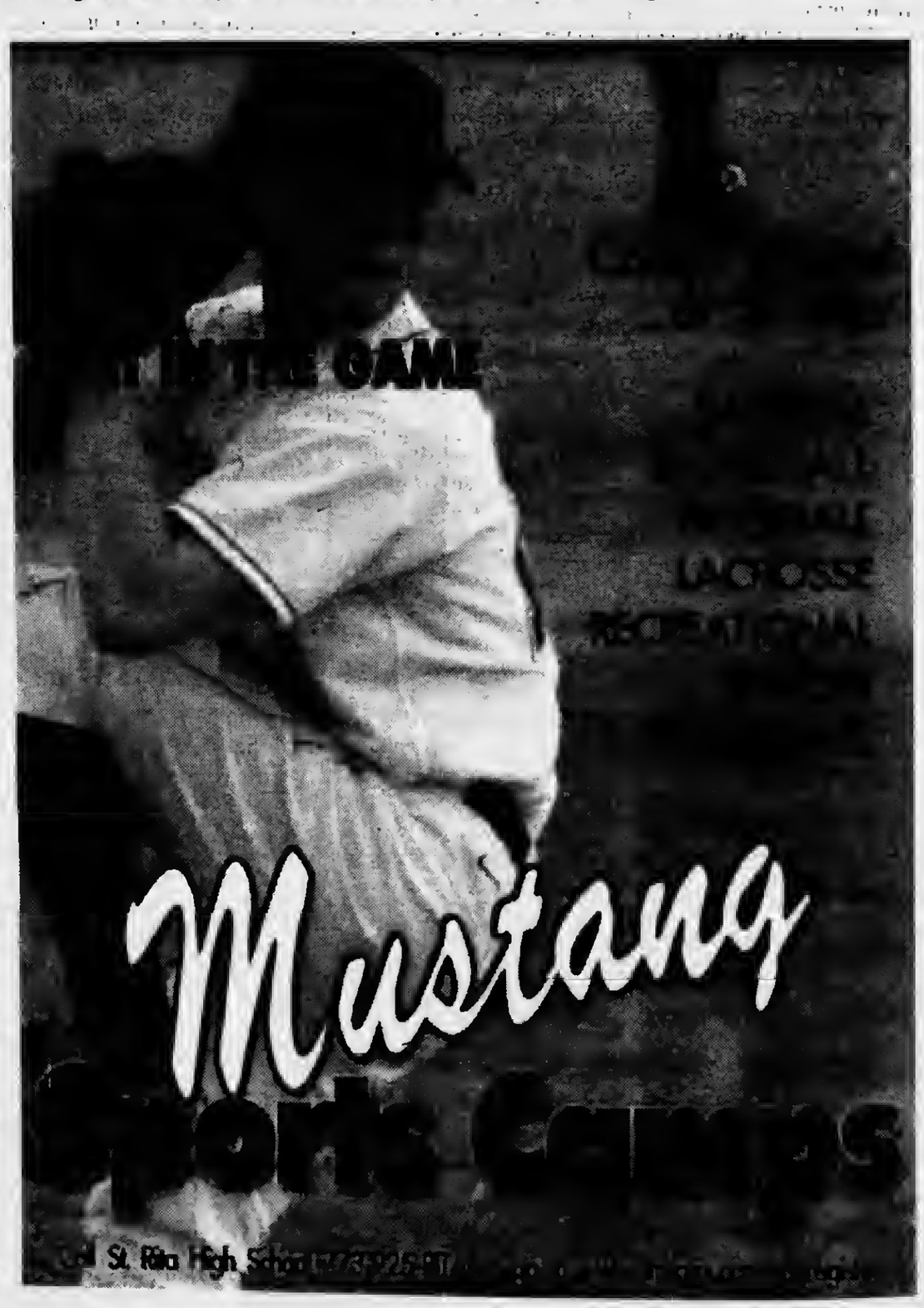
The Mt. Zion-Kiwanis will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 20, 2006 from 7am to noon at the church located 10400 S. Kosner, Oak Lawn. Donation is $6 adults and $4 children 12 and under.

For added information call 708-423-6554 between 9am and 1pm. Rev. Nancy Goede is Pastor of Mt. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Academic camps announced at Br. Rice summer camps

Br. Rice High School announces schedules for summer academic camps. Math problem solving camp: from 8am-9:30am: Session I: June 26-30: boys and girls entering grades 5-6: Session II: July 10-14: boys and girls entering grades 7-8: Session III: July 17-21: boys and girls entering grades 7-8. Contact Br. Martin Speed/mental math camp: June 26-29: boys and girls in grades 7-8 from 9am to 10-:15am: call Cliff Petrak.

All academic questions should be directed to Br. Rice High School at 773-429-4300 between 8 am and 1 pm.



KATHY'S KALEIDOSCOPE

Taking Time To Savor The Memories!

kathywhirity@yahoo.com

The saleslady at the bridal shop didn't mean to do it but her wise words of wisdom caused tears to unexpectedly run down my face. Helping my daughter design her veil brought back some sentimental memories for this, once upon a time, mother of the bride, and she was sharing the best with me.

Her advice was simple. She advised me to make sure and take 5 minutes with my daughter; 5 minutes alone with her, before she walks down the aisle. She assured me, without a doubt, that it will be the last time I'll have her all to myself. Those were the words of experience that caused the tears to fall.

I haven't wanted to think too much about it but time is sure ticking away. Faster than I can say, 'Here Comes The Bride,' the big day will be here.

There are some people who say it's a lot of fuss and expense for only one day. When I hear those words I silently beg to differ.

Sure, calculated by hours, the whole day's activities will be spent within a 24 hour frame of time.

But, how do you measure the memories and dreams that have brought you to this chapter in life?

For 5 years we watched as Dan and Jaime dated and grew in maturity and love. They weathered the storms that came their way and learned to cope with the obstacles evey couple faces.

Their engagement was the wake up call to this mom and dad that our first born would soon be heading in the direction of a new life, with the man she loves.

Yes, the wedding event may only be one day, but the miles logged and the hours spent looking for the perfect dress, for the most comfortable shoes, planning the showers, they are all part of the memory.

There is still so much to do and yet it feels like time is running out.

This one special night is a lifetime in the making. It is a night little girl's dream about and father's dread.

For mother's it is perhaps a time of reflection - a precious little baby is placed in your arms one day and you whisper into her tiny ear that you'll love her and be there for her, no matter what. All too soon I found myself placing my arms around a grown-up daughter, reassuring her everything is all right as I choked on my own tears. For a split second I remembered the day my little girl walked through the doors of Kindergarten and I realize that this is yet another one of those milestones that we mothers must face and embrace. It won't be long now. All the love, joy and commotion that have led us to this one day will be upon us.

Looking back on the night both families came together to toast our children's engagement, some of the wiser adults who've 'been there done that' told us that the days would fly by.

The calendar boasted a full 15 months to the nuptials. I wasn't too worried. Right off the bat we got the most important things taken care of - the church, the hall, photographer, flowers, trolley and wedding dress.

It was this mother's hope that by forging ahead with these arrangements we would all have time to savor the memories of her upcoming marriage.

Well, like it or not, the time did fly by, with little warning.

Did I really think I'd be organized enough to have everything ready so as to have the luxury of basking in the sentimcnt of this most meaningful day?

There are so many last minute things to take care of, but I'm trying not to worry about that.

No matter how busy or chaotic the day - when the wedding day dawns I will keep the wise words of the salesclerk in my heart.

Before my sweet daughter takes one step down that aisle I will take my 5 minutes with her - just her and I - And, just like the day she was born, I will hold her tight and whisper in her ear, 'I will love you always and be there for you, no matter what.'

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

In the book of life, deposits of memories will become the riches of your soul.

(Kathy Whirity)

Summer running camp held at Mother McAuley

Mother Mc Auley is proud to offer its summer running camp June 19-23 from 9-11am for students entering 7-12 grades. Running camp is an ideal way to tone your skills if you have running experience or to introduce you to the sport.

The three coaches have had up to 16 years experience and the number of campers guarantees individual attention. Campers will receive a t-shirt and a folder of instructional material. Each of the five sessions will consist of a 30-45 minute instruction followed by warm up, stretching, a training run and a cool down. A weight training program will be introduced to high school runners.

One can run whenever you wish and may begin running at any age with no special equipment. It is a great way to enjoy the outdoors. Call Coach Bob at 708-423-0213 for an application and questions.

Portfolios of seniors at Queen of Peace High School

For Queen of Peace High School seniors, the nearing of high school's end can usually be signaled by one event: portfolio sharing. Every Queen of Peace student compiles a portfolio of her best and most meaningful work in all subjects beginning in her frosh year. The purpose of these portfolios is four fold: it provides evidence of student achievement of mission-inspired learning priorities; it gives students a means of identifying and collecting their best work in each discipline; it gives students standards and criteria for excellence against which to evaluate their work; and it gives students a systematic opportunity for reflection and self-assessment of academic and personal growth, thus fostering an appreciation for the intrinsic value of change.

At the end of her senior year, each student shares select pieces from her portfolio with a classroom of frosh, sophomores or juniors and discusses how she and her work have changed over the last four years. In her presentation to a group of sophomores, senior Meghan Biernacki (Oak Lawn) commented, "Queen of Peace and this portfolio have helped me see where I've been, where I stand now and where I'm going. It challenged me to go beyond what I thought I could do." Senior Terese Bostick (89th & Aberdeen) agreed: "I have to learned to love learning."

Senior Lia Zainelli (60th & Massasoit) talked about her growth in allowing others to review her writing. "I have learned to appreciate the diversity of people's ideas. I understand that everyone's opinions counts and matters. I have become a person that values creativity and other opinions."

Senior Patricia Delgado (86th & Escabana) used a metaphor to explain how she has grown as a scholar. "I have been a caddie for the last four years," she noted, "so I have seen a lot of people just starting to golf. When you start, you think your goal is to hit the ball as hard as you can. You learn, though, that the goal is to hit the ball well, not just far." Delgado went on to note that being a student is much like the process of becoming a skilled golfer. "You start off thinking you know it all, but you learn as you go and you have to be willing to take criticism along the way." She added that the work to become successful does pay off, as it has with her caddy work, which earned her a Chick Evans Scholarship for four years of college tuition.

After filling out evaluations for the senior presenters, the frosh, sophomores and juniors were asked to write a reflection, which will become a part of their own portfolios in progress.

Silver Jubilee celebration for Father William Corcoran

St. Linus parishioners will host the Silver Jubilee of their Pastor, Reverend William Corcoran, PhD the weekend of May 19, 2006. At a recent liturgy, Fr. Corcoran indicated the inn is getting very full for the celebration with all the folks coming from the Old Sod!

The parish music ministry is honoring him with a concert at 7:30pm on Friday, May 19 in the church. Fr. indicated "like an Irish wake or Polish wedding, my Jubilee is taking on a life of its own." The concert should be a great night out, as the music program is reportedly wonderful.

On May 20, Fr. said he plans to take relatives and family out for the celebration dinner. They are coming in from England and Ireland.

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday, May 21at noon with a light reception to follow in the parish hall. He hopes to see many joining him is thanking God for the past years. St. Linus is in Oak Lawn.

Lyric Opera new season announced

The 2006-07 season at Lyric Opera will include the following Opera's: Turandot of Puccini, Iphigenie en Tauride, Salome; Il Travatore, Romeo and Juliet, Die Fledermaus, Cosi fan Tutte, and Poulenc's Dialogues of the Carmelites.

Call Lyric at 312-332-2244 or visit the web at www lyricopera.org.

FOOD FOR SECONDS

ANITA ANDERSON

Stuffed Green Peppers

½ cup rice	1-1/2 lbs ground beef
1 cup water	2 eggs
½ tsp salt	salt & pepper to taste
1 onion, halved	1 tbsp parsley, flaked
1 tbsp Crisco	garlic salt to taste
4 green peppers	1 can V-8 juice (46 oz)

In a 4 qt. Dutch oven boil rice, water, salt, onion and lard (about 5 minutes) Remove the onion and set aside. Clean and dip peppers in boiling water; rinse in cold water and set aside.

In a large bowl mix meat, eggs, salt, pepper, parsley and garlic salt. Rinse oven and add V-8 juice and ½ tsp sugar. Bring to a boil and add peppers. Simmer, partially covered for 1 hour.

Hearty Chili Magic Stew with Pasta

Makes 5 servings
Prep time 10 minutes
Cook time 20 minutes
4 ounces rotini pasta (1-1/2 cps dry)
1 cup. Chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
1 cup. Sliced mushrooms
1 tbsp olive oil
8 ozs. Ground turkey
2 cans (15.5 oz each) Bush's Texas Chili Magic Chili Starter
1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
1 can (4.5 oz) diced green chillies

Cook the pasta according to pasta directions, drain well. While pasta is cooking , cook vegies in olive oil in large sauce pan until almost tender, 3 minutes. Remove vegies from pan and set aside. In the same pan add the turkey until no longer pink. Stir in Chili Magic, tomatoes and chillies. Cover, simmer 7-10 minutes. Stir in pasta and serve.

Table Grapes Are In Season

(NAPSA)-If you thought table grapes were the same all year round, it's time to have a taste test. The year's best crop is fresh from Mexico. From May through July, the finest harvest of green, red and black grapes will begin to hit supermarket shelves.

These grapes' bright color and crisp texture signify the end of winter, when fresh, new harvests begin arriving from the Mexican state of Sonora. Grapes for wine and brandy have been grown in Sonora since the days of the Spanish missionaries almost four centuries ago. Out of this tradition, growers in Sonora began growing fresh grapes that are enjoyed across the world. Sonora grapes are coveted for their notably sweet, juicy flavor.

With more than 30,000 acres of vineyards, Sonora supplies 300 million pounds of grapes for U.S. consumption.

Grapes offer several benefits. Not only are they a handy snack, but they're a unique addition to many summer dishes, including green salads and fruit salads. They enhance the beauty of these dishes as well as their nutritional value. One and a half cups of grapes provide 25 percent of the Daily Value of vitamin C, as well as fiber, vitamin A, calcium and iron.

Over 60% of grapes Americans eat this time of the year come from Mexico.

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Directed study classes available at Moraine Valley

Moraine Valley Community College offers a wide variety of directed study classes in the summer 2006 semester. These credit classes offer fewer instructor-led sessions and allow the student to analyze course material independently and to complete predetermined course objectives.

Directed study classes offered in the summer are: Composition I and II; Speech Fundamentals; Introduction to Criminal Justice; Criminology; Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of American History I; History of Africa; History of the Middle East; Western Humanities I: Foundations; Intermediate and College Algebra; Introduction to Philosophy; State and Local Government; Introduction to Psychology; Life-Span Developmental Psychology; Child Psychology; Human Relations in Organizations; Abnormal Psychology; Educational Psychology; General Sociology; and Theater Appreciation.

Registration is underway. Classes begin the week of June 12. Tuition is $64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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Sandburg High School Class of 1996 to Hold Fund-raiser

"The Carl Sandburg High School Class of 1996 will host its ten year reunion on Veterans" Day of this year. However, before the class officially gathers to mark a decade since its graduation, the class is holding a benefit to help a favorite charity of one of its own.

On Saturday, May 20, the Sandburg Class of 1996 will hold a fund-raiser to benefit the Brain Injury Association of Illinois (BIAI) at Murphy"s Steakhouse and Pub, 10160 West 191st Street in Mokena.

"We chose to hold a pre-reunion event to benefit the Brain Injury Association of Illinois because one of our classmates has suffered a traumatic brain injury in the last few years," said Erin Murphy-Kmiecik, president of Sandburg's Class of 1996 and one of the organizers of the event.

Brian Kelly, of Orland Park, was seriously injured in a crash on December 26, 2001 and is now an activist for those with brain injuries.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit more than a quarter million children, teenagers and adults living in Illinois with a brain injury. The Brain Injury Association of Illinois is a statewide non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to creating a better future for persons with brain injuries through prevention, research, education and advocacy.

According to BIAI, someone in the United States suffers a brain injury every 21 seconds. An estimated 5.3 million Americans live with disabilities from brain injuries. "This is a cause that's dear to my heart," Kelly said. "The proceeds from the May 20 benefit will help to send those with brain injuries to camp," he explained. The BIAI offers two camps, the Wilderness Endeavor for adults and Camp FunZone for children.

After graduating from Sandburg, Kelly attended Moraine Valley Community College and Illinois State University. After being named to the Illinois Student Assistance Commission by former Illinois Governor Jim Edgar, he left school for a short time to serve on President Clinton's Advance Team, oversaw media logistics for Gore-Lieberman 2000 and was a researcher for NBC News in New York.

While home to return to school to complete his degree, Kelly's car was hit head on while stopped at a red light on December 26, 2001. After years of therapy, Kelly is now living temporarily in Omaha, Nebraska, where he is a resident of QLI, an independent life learning facility. Kelly will return to Orland Park to attend the fundraiser.

"I wouldn't miss it for the world," Kelly said. "Not only will I get to see people from my graduating class, I will also be helping to raise funds for one of the best charitable organizations in the state — the Brain Injury Association of Illinois."

Mick Kelly, Brian's father, explained, "This will be the first fundraiser ever held at Murphy's Steakhouse and Pub. Brian Sweeney, one of the restaurant's owners, is a fourteen year traumatic brain injury survivor."

Tickets for the May 20 Brain Injury Association Fundraiser at Murphy's are $25.00 per person and include pizza, domestic beer and Margaritas. Local businesses have been contributing door prizes for the evening raffle.

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Pegasus Players close with "Boom!"

Pegasus Players closed 2005-06 season with tick, tick Boom! It was created by Jonathan Larson, Playright of Rent.

The show runs from May 18-June 25, 2006 at the O'Rourke Center of Truman College located 1146 W. Wilson Ave. Larson has won numerous awards for Rent!

"The production continues Pegasus' tradition of edgy musicals that explore human journey" states Alex Levy, Artistic Director. It was added when production rights became available.

The play tick, tick Boom is a musical look at holding onto dreams, marriage, career and American life of one man and his question of real dream and writing to create Rent.

Call 773-878-0761 for tickets. The play runs Thursday-Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm with matinee's Saturday 6/17 and 6/24 at 3pm.

Melanie Michalak and Donna Meyer

Benefit held at EPHS

A recent benefit at Evergreen Park Community High School, "An Evening of Musical Theatre" was presented with Melanie Michalak, soprano and Donna Meyer, accompanist, Choir Director and Choir Accompanist respectively. The proceeds raised will help fund the spring trip of the Evergreen Park Community High School choirs.

Her students have won over 1000 First Division honors in state, regional and international competitions. Many former students have gone on to schools on scholarships. She has authored 12 books for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Donna Meyer joined the EPCHS choir as their accompanist in September 2005. She is a freelance musician in the Chicago area.

The upcoming choral event is the Spring Concert with concert choir and symphonic wind ensemble on Wednesday, May 24 at 7pm. It is a free event at the high school.

Steppenwolf presents Love-Lies Bleeding

In the Upstairs Theatre at Steppenwolf is Don DeLillo's "Love-Lies Bleeding". It focuses on an invalid artist and his struggles.

Ensemble member Amy Morton directs the production. The production runs May 7 to May 28 with performances on Tuesday-Sunday at 7:30pm and matinees at 3pm on Saturday and Sunday.

For tickets, call 312-335-1650. Group sales at 312-654-5629 for 10 or more. Steppenwolf is located in Chicago at 1650 N. Halated. Parking is available for a fee.

Cirque du Soleil opens in July

The latest touring show, Carteo, from Cirque du Soleil opens July 14, 2006. This is the first time in three years it had been in Chicago.

The program is presented in the United Center Parking Lot K under its trademark blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau.

Tickets go on sale on May 7 at 1-800-678-5440 or online at www ciruqedusoleil.com.

Performance schedule is Tuesday and Wednesday at 8pm, Thursday-Saturday at 4 and 8pm and Sundays at 1 and 5pm. No performance on July 20 and August 1.

Tickets are from $50-$85 for adults and $45-$76.50 seniors and students 13 and over. Children are $35-$59.50.

Dance Center holds workshop

International dance stars expose Chicago community to the world of contemporary dance at The Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago in the Dancemakers Workshops in the summer intensive 2006 schedule in June from the 19th to the 29th at the Center located 1306 S. Michigan Ave,

Eiko & Koma studied in Japan, Germany and The Netherlands. They have collaborated in a unique and riveting theatre movement since 1972 with stillness, shape, light and sound. Their works have been presented in theaters, universities, museums, galleries and festivals worldwide. Recently they have produced works for the outdoors for free events in public sites. They host workshops June 5-15.

Kathleen Hermesdorf and Albert Mathias are part of Bebe Dance Company. Kathleen worked in Berlin. She is the artistic director of Motion Labs. Mathias creates a multi disciplinary music in film, dance and theatre. He is a member of Live Human. They host workshops June 19-29.

Each Dancemakers Workshop is $200 or $400 for both. Registration is in process. Call 312-344-8300.

The Dance Center's Intensive 2006 runs May 22-July 14. It includes courses in dance fundamentals, ballet, modern, yoga, hip-hop, and body tune up and conditioning. Members of the Center's highly respected faculty teach them. Fee is $384 each. Classes meet in the weekday mornings. Call for schedule.

Northlight Theatre shows "Retreat from Moscow"

Nicholson's play "The Retreat from Moscow" is currently showing at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie through June 18. The play is a touching, comic, delicate and devastating for the family portrayal in the Tony-nominated drama and a true theatrical treasure.

The show stars Matt De Caro, John Hoogenakker and Rondi Reed. B.J. Jones directs. Call the box office at 847-673-6300 for tickets. The Theatre is located 9501 Skokie Blvd in Skokie.

Lyric Center appoints Rolandi

Lyric Opera has named Gianna Rolandi, director of vocal studies for the Lyric Opera's Center for American Artists. She replaces Richard Pearlman who passed away last month.

Rolandi is an accomplished singer and was the leading singer in the New York City Opera for 15 years and has sung with numerous opera companies in America and Europe. She last sang at Lyric in 1993-94 as Despina in Mozart's "Cosi fan tutti." She retired from the stage after that. She is a resident of South Carolina and the wife of Andrew Davis, Lyric Opera Music Director.

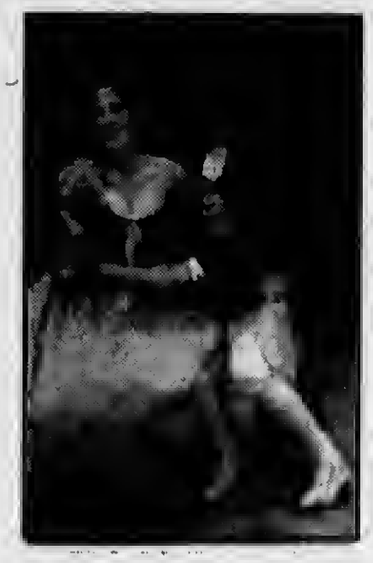
"Power" presented at Remy Bumppo

by Marijo Doody

The last 2006- year production at Remy Bumppo Theatre is Nick Dear's powerful, no pun intended, play "Power." The play centers on Louis XIV. He reinvents the role of monarch as he learns about boardrooms, bedrooms and various demands.

The play is a great inside look at the rise of France's "Sun King" and the creation of Versailles. The American premiere is set off with royal fireworks, a superb cast, and marvelous costumes. (Helped by a grant, so I was told).

This is a captivating production and is smart and lovely with its scenes and décor. Characters are the Queen Mother played by Annabel Armour, King Louis (Steve Haggard), Fouquet, the financial secretary (David Darlow) along with Jean-Baptiste Colbert (Arron Christenson), he could be Tartuff! The femfetal are Phillipi the gay brother (Greg Anderson), Henrietta (Krissy Shields) and the mistress Rachael Sondag.



Louis assent and Haggard and Darlow brilliantly note the fall of Fouquet with riveting performances. It was a delight to watch these performers. Queen mother was perfectly thorny and tries her darnest to manipulate her son.

The production runs through June 4 at Victory Gardens, 2257 N.Lincoln. The box office number is 773-871-3000. Parking is available at the Children's Memorial Hospital parking lot.

CST goes back in time with Hecuba

by Marijo Doody

The current production at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre (CST) goes back to the Trojans. Not the football team! 5th century Greek playwright Euripides wrote "Hecuba". The classic figure survived the death of her husband and children in the Trojan War and is now a slave to the conqueror King Agamemnon (Victor Ertmanis).

CST has brought this version by Irish playwright, Frank Mc Guiness to a more modern concept. Mc Guiness has lived through numerous scuffles in Ireland. War is war, wherever, it is bloody, hurts people and not a solution!

In modernizing "Hecuba" characters are in suits and ties, all bloody! "It is the same issues through out history of war, loss of children, justice and "war not necessarily answers the question, " noted actress Marsha Mason, who plays the role of Hecuba. Mason plays the demanding role that is a challenge.

Moviegoers may remember Marsha Mason in "The Good-bye Girl" and "Chapter Two" and on Broadway.

Marsha indicated "it is a physically demanding role and I admire Frank Mc Guiness and director Patrick Mason (no relation). I was honored when they thought of me for the role, agree to do it and it is not often that a great part comes along."

As the play progresses, revenge consumes Hecuba. She becomes the unspeakable honor she must endure. Her only daughter is to be sacrificed in tribute of the fallen Greek hero and her only son is murdered for gold.

In 2004 the world premiere of Mc Guiness's "Hecuba" performed in London to rave reviews. Now Americans can see it at CST.

A British critic spoke with Frank Mc Guiness and asked what drew him to Hecuba? He answered, "the play is set in war-there is no such thing as the end of the war-the war is never over. When I started the play, the Iraq War, the war in Palestine and Israel were going on."

Hecuba (Marsha Mason) cradles the body of her lifeless son, Polydorus (Niall McGinty). photo: Peter Bosy

CST's production stars besides Marsha Mason, Monet Butler, Alana Arenas, Ana Sferruzza, Niall Mc Ginty, Windy Robie, Juan Chioran (excellent) James Harms, and Mark Dold.

Costuming and scenery are stark! One sits on the edge to grasp every word! It is compelling. We feel the sympathy for Hecuba, a victim and her revenge. The audience will either hate or love it! That's what tragedy is all about! Do not miss it!

"Hecuba" runs through June 18 at CST on Navy Pier. Tickets are $42-$56. Call the box office at 312-595-5600.

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Chicago's Ensemble Espanol celebrates 30th

The Chicago's Ensemble Espanol celebrates 30th Anniversary with an American Spanish Dance Festival from June 8-25, 2006. Two world premieres will be unveiled at the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance on June 24 and 25th.They are called Flamenco Passion. Tickets are $30- and $45. Call 312-334-7777.

The official opening of the Dance festival is at the Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington on Thursday, June 8 at 6pm. The event is free and open to the public.

A Spanish Sculpture Exhibition is June 16-July 16 at Sabbia Gallery, 66 E. Walton St. The exhibit is free. Call the gallery 312-440-0044 for hours.

A Flamenco music concert is June 16 at Northeastern Illinois University in the recital hall, at 5500 N/ St. Louis. Tickets are $20. Master classes and workshops are also there from June 17-23. They are in the dance studios from 10am to 10pm daily. Call 773-442-5916 for availability.

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Oak Forest removes resident requirements for Metra lot

by Matt Mayer

The city council approved an ordinance at the April 24 Oak Forest City Council meeting amending the municipal code regarding permit-parking policies at the 159th and Cicero Metra parking lot. The amendment eliminates the residency requirement for the $75 quarterly parking permits. This amendment is in compliance with an agreement made with Metra in 2000, which required the city to issue permits to whomever requested one until the lot reached full capacity. Commuters received a mailing regarding the proposed changes.

Current permit holders will have the opportunity to renew their permits prior to the remaining slots being sold on a first come first serve basis. Starting July 1 nonresidents will have the opportunity to purchase parking permits. Compliance with this agreement may improve the chances for a new Metra station as well as other improvements at the intersection. The parking lot has an operating capacity of 535 parking spaces - permits hold currently 515 spaces.

The city council approved a public works request to award a contract to Alpha Construction for the 2006 Motor Fuel Tax road program as well as a request to award payment to metropolitan equipment company for the emergency replacement of the automatic transfer switch at the main pumping station.

An ordinance to increase the rate charged for water consumption as well as a rate increase changed for wastewater collection was approved as well as an agreement for a health reimbursement account for Dental and Optical care with Flexible Benefits Corporation for city employees. An ordinance requesting a site plan and business use for Potenzo Auto Repair at 15324 S. Cicero Ave and a site plan and business use for Giddy -Up Saloon at 15711 S Cicero Ave. was also approved.

Photo: Builder Jeff Pickens, President of Premier Development and Joan Pickens at home

Orland Park couple open doors to Housewalk

Local builder Jeff Pickens, President of Premier Development and his wife Joan open their doors of their home as part of the 2nd Annual Housewalk to benefit the Crisis center for South Suburbs. Joan Pickens likes the idea of supporting a local charity in order to reach out to individuals who live in the community.

Local builder Jeff and Joan Pickens have a history of support for the Crisis Center. They are regulars at the golf outing.

The Pickens home will be one of six Orland Park homes that are featured on the housewalk. The event will be November 19 and homes will be decorated for the festivities of the holiday season. Their home also features an indoor swimming pool and a home theater.

For information on the Crisis Center, call 708-429-7255 and the Hot-Line is 708-429-SAFE.

Tinley Park approved annexing of property

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the annexing of property at the April 18, Tinley Park Board of Trustee meeting. The property is approximately a forty-five acre site and is approximately located at 19700 south and west of the Fairfield Glen subdivision. The rezoning annexation and a special use permit is for modifications to the existing plan unit development in the Brookside Glen subdivision for the proposed construction of twenty-one single-family detached lots and one hundred town homes.

The annexation includes an amendment to the village's existing boundary agreement with Mokena. The board also approved a special use permit for the property located south of Fairfield Lane and west of the Commonwealth Edison right of way. This special use permit is also for the modification to the existing planned unit developments in the Brookside Glen subdivision for a proposed sixty single family detached residential homes, the first addition to the subdivision.

The board approved a partial payment of $91,364.40 to Gaskill and Walton Construction Company for work completed on the Sundale temporary lift station and force main as well as a partial payment of $68,526.00 which will be paid from the 2004 bond issue.

Tinley Park Library outing

The Tinley Park Library Foundation invites library supporters to watch the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox take on the Minnesota Twins at home on Monday, July 24.

Tickets are available for purchase at the patron service desk for $25 each. For $40 there is the bus ride to US Cellular Field.Game time is 7:05pm and the bus departs at 4:15pm from the library.

Proceeds will benefit the Tinley Park Library.To obtain more information, call Kathleen Cunningham at 708-845-5720. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Naturalist speaks at Christ Lutheran Seniors in Orland Park

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County spoke at the Christ Lutheran Church, Senior Group in Orland Park. Ripper spoke on recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves.

Ripper has been assigned to the Little Red Schoolhouse Nature Center in Willow Springs. She is a graduate of Elmhurst College, where she earned a degree in biology and Spanish.

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Edward F. McElroy, of Chicago radio and television spoke before the St. Damien Men's Club in Oak Forest. McElroy shared his expertise on news and sports in Chicago.

Mc Elroy addresses St. Damien Men's club

McElroy has been active in the field of news and sports on WJOB, WIND and WJJD radio for over 58 years. He is host of "Community in Focus" on channel 19 and has done many training films and commercials, receiving many awards for news coverage in the United States.

Ed has entertained hospital veterans and underprivileged children for many years. He is a Past National Commander and past State Commander of the Catholic War Veterans of the United States of America.

Jacki Mari

See Page 6 for Jacki Mari's Predictions!

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for May 16th thru May 29th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. You can also find this column and my *Numi* column at *TheDailyPsychic.Com*

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Reach for the stars this week and all that exists under them! Open your mind, know you can do [whatever] and do it. F & R aid.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: Your innermost needs may be met quite suddenly, like an Angel did it for you. Be honest with mate, talk more. D can help.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Yes you can fly in a dream and enjoy it! Such dreams however, can mean that you are trying to escape from someone. L aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Talk of a wedding surprises you, especially if you are asked to be a part of it. You may want to lose weight or spruce up.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Someone wants to help you with housing matters, i.e., buying, selling, decorating, etc. Take the help! J & R help.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You seem to be in people's thoughts, and even in their dreams! Everyone affects other people's lives, good or bad.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You seem a bit hesitant to take chances on your own skills, especially your communicative skills. Speak up! Folks listen!

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: You are on a "win-win" streak. Some simply get what they most want by asking or having winning tickets. D aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Someone J like Judy or John speaks up for you, making you realize that their friendship is for real. Dreams reveal truth.

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***"One-on-One Psychic Mini-Sessions"* at *Oak Forest Bowl* [152nd & S. Cicero] 1st and 3rd Mondays from 7pm [next: June 5th]. *"Telefriend." Walk-ins welcome.* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip on Tuesdays for all services [by appt], including Hypnotherapy sessions. Gift Certificates are available for my Services, Books & Tapes.**

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
Miracles Can Happen

Many of you have asked me where those Miracles happen that I wrote about. I thought it best to publish them here in this column after all since, there are so many people needing something good to happen for them. One such place is in the solitude of your own bedroom with no music on, nor television, just quiet! Talk to God in your own words. Ask to receive. Be specific. Then there is a church in St. Anne, IL. It's a place where it is told that people once went to in wheel chairs and on crutches and were able to leave those things there and simply go home. It's off I-57 South East of Kankakee [about 10-15 miles]. You can go to the Carmelite Shrines in Munster, Indiana [1628 Ridge Road]. This place is like a "retreat" with plenty of Quartz Crystals, and I have personally heard from people of the many Miracles that happen when they go there. One more place is where the Tree brings forth Water [I will post this later].

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Blue Island Library movies

The Blue Island Library will screen "Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire" (PG-13) on Wednesday, May 17 from 3:30-6pm. This is the after school family program.

Folks who possess the Blue Island Senior Discount Card can attend a screening of "Capote" on Wednesday, May 17 at 1pm in the library. The film is rated R. It stars Phillip Seymour Hofffman in his Oscar winning performance as author Truman Capote as he prepared his best selling book "In Cold Blood." If you do not have a senior card, call Joan Scannell at the Blue Island Senior office at 708-597-8608. The library is 2433 York and is handicapped accessible.

Blue Island Library and Chicago Fire Soccer Team join forces

The Blue Island Library and Chicago Fire Soccer Team join forces to message into area schools before class is out for the summer. On May 30, at 1:30pm Team and Library representatives will visit Blue island's Lincoln School, 2140 W. Broadway to encourage students to consider the consequences of unhealthy behaviors.

The representatives will also encourage the students to develop a lifelong interest in reading. Players from the Chicago Fire will participate! For information Call Dan Carroll at 708-388-1078 ex 30.

Blue Island Senior News

The Blue Island Commission on Aging, with offices in City hall is charged with planning, directing and supervising activities related to the Senior population in Blue Island.

The Agency members are from organizations that have programs for seniors and include: Blue Island Park District, Blue Island School Districts 130, Eisenhower District 218, Blue Island Library and the City of Blue Island.

At the last meeting of the Commission all above were represented along with six city residents.

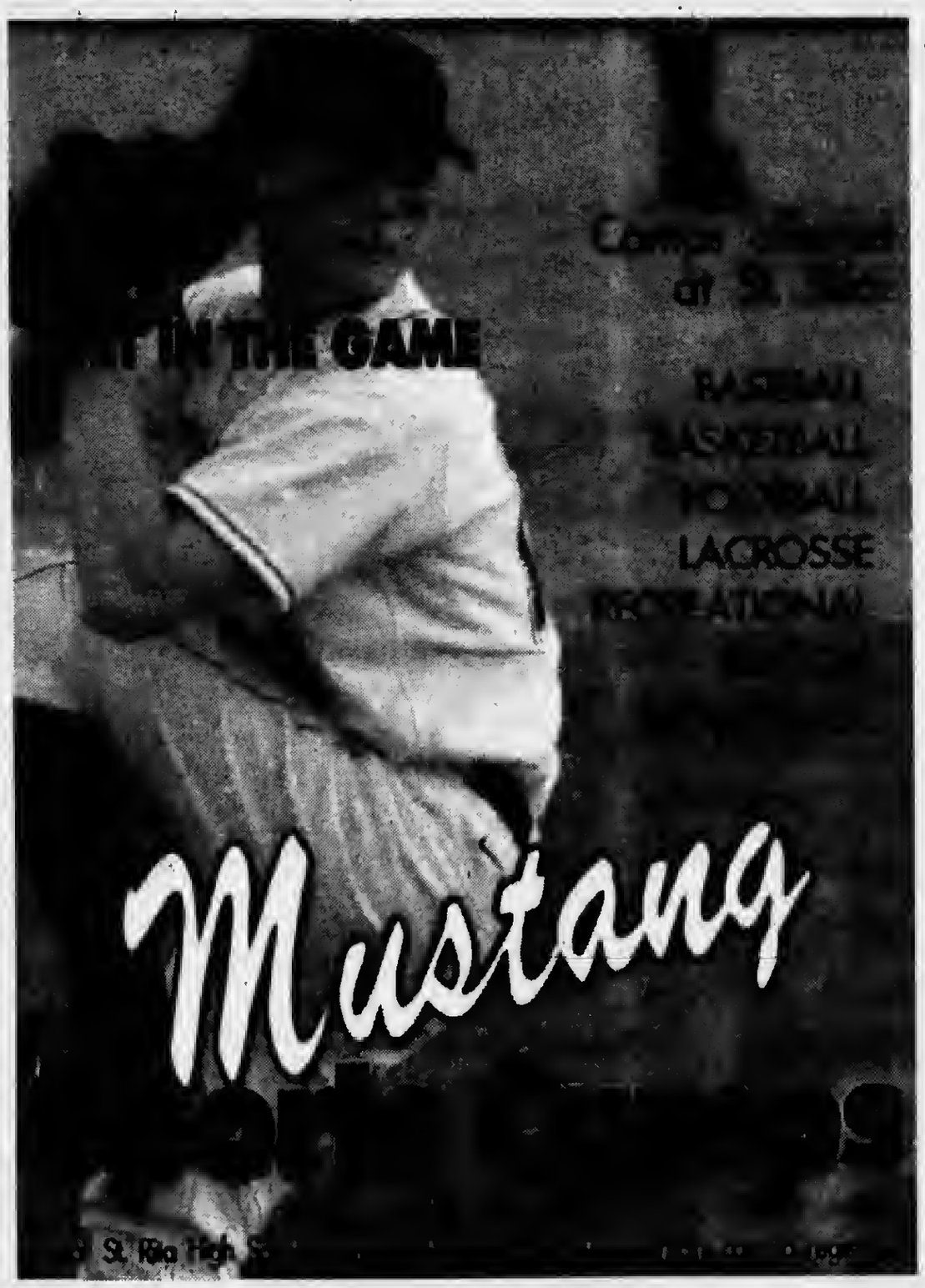
Organizations not currently partaking are urged to contact the senior Office in Blue Island. Call the Office at 708-597-8608 to be a member of this exchange venue.

Alsip Park District holds Needs Assessment

The Alsip Park district is conducting a Community Wide Needs Assessment. In order to collect information from the community, a survey will be mailed to randomly selected households in Alsip the week of May 1.

If you are a household that is selected, the park board encourages you to take the time to complete the survey and return it to the Alsip Park District.

For any questions contact Jeanette Huber, Director of Parks and Recreation at 708-389-1003.



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Chicago Ridge paves way for housing development

by Matt Mayer

The board concurred with the planning and zoning commission at the May 2, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting regarding a zoning change request from a M-1 to R-2, R-3 for a 2.7-acre parcel located at 101st and Ridgeland Ave adjacent to the railroad tracks. The zoning change allows for a 34-unit town house development contingent on the approval of both the Panning and Zoning Committee and the village board.

A Planning and Zoning Committee request for a subdivision and the construction of two single family bi-level homes at 10565 S. Oak Park Ave was also approved as well as the a variance from the flood plain ordinance for a storage unit at 10121 S. Ridgeland Ave per the request of the Village Engineer Chris Burke and the approval of the Planning and Zoning Committee. This variance is based on the building being raised one foot. A garage variance at 10624 S. Ridge Drive was also approved.

The board approve a business license for Renaissance Hair Care at 10500 Southwest Highway and Golden Rose Cosmetics at the Mall.

A public works request for a 50-50-sidewalk replacement program with Crest and Sons was also approved as well as a police department request for the purchase of an industrial grade treadmill for $2,200 for the fitness room.

Worth Township Seniors plan trips

Chunk of Chocolate is planned for Thursday, June 15, 2006. The day trip full of chocolate brings one to Morkes Chocolate, lunch at the CHIC Café with of course a dessert. There will be shopping at Blommers Chocolate Factory Outlet, and shopping at Pure's Cookie factory Outlet.

The Deluxe Motor Coach will depart the Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski, Alsip at 8:30am and return about 3:30pm.

Trip cost is $55. To reserve call Jean or Debbie at 708-371-2900 ex 28. A $10 deposit is required, with final payment due June 9, 2006.

The Blue Chip Casino trip is planned for Monday, August 14, 2006. The casino has been expanded and enhanced to include an entertainment lounge. There are three restaurants. There are more slots and all the table games. The bus will leave Worth Township at 7am and return around 3pm. Cost is $25 per person. A $10 food voucher can be used at the Deli or buffet. Earn 75 points in play and receive $10 in E-Play downloadable credits.

Final payment is due July 19. Call the above number to reserve.

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Chicago Ridge Library news

Teens ages 12-18 don't have a job? Learn how to make money on your own! Join Ms. Liz at the chicago Ridge Library on Tuesday, May 23 at 7pm for a chance to explore ways how to develop your own business ideas. Contact Constance Van Swol at Youth Services Librarian at 708-423-7753.

Children 3-9 (with parent) and 10-13 are invited to the Chicago Ridge Library on Thursday, May 18 for crafting fun between 4-5pm. or 5 to 6:30pm.

Children 3-9 (with parent) and 10-13 are invited to the Chicago Ridge Library on Saturday, May 20 from 2-3pm. This is for lots of chocolate fun, including stories, games, taste testing and more! All are sure to have a delicious time! All children must have a signed permission form to have snacks that the library offers. The library is located at 100400 South Oxford Avenue.

See your predictions on Page 6 in Jacki Mari's column!

Photo: Sr. Mary Ventura, O.P. (center) IAWC L to R: Ginger Morgan, President Scholarship winners: Natalie Levine, Taylor Lazzara, and Susan Chernetzki, Carol Broadway, Treasurer

Italian American Women's Club presents Scholarship Awardees

The Italian American Women's Club (IAWC), Evergreen Park, recently presented the First Scholarship Awards for women of Italian descent. The club's mission is to foster Italian American Women and their advances in the field of education.

Funding was derived from the sale of Italian American Women's Club Cookbook. The Cookbook Committee included Carol Broadway, Treasurer, Sr. Mary Ventura O.P., 2nd Vice President and Virginia Cook.

IAWC organized an Education committee to judge scholarship applicants for 2006 awards. Applicants submitted their names along with their vita for award consideration.

Taylor Lazzara, of Evergreen Park, graduates May 2006 from Marist High School and will pursue studies at St. Ambrose University in Iowa. She was an academic scholar, active in cheer leading, dance and sports.

Natalie Levine, an actress, is originally from Orland Park and now resides in Chicago. She will pursue drama, vocal and other graduate programs to further her career.

Susan Chernetzki, currently in Real Estate Sales, resides in Downers Grove and will pursue a degree in Nutrition in the Health Care Field.

The women from the club have written two books including "Italian American Women of Chicagoland" published by Arcadia. It is available at Borders and other bookstores. The Cookbook is currently available at most Italian Specialty Stores or you can call Sr. Mary Ventura O.P. at St. Bernadette School at 708-857-2005.

Chicago Ridge Post Office announces a Passport Faire

On Saturday, June 3, 2006, Chicago Ridge Postmaster announced a Passport Faire with extended hours. They will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., extra staff will be available to accomodate visitors needing passports. There will also be passport photos opportunities available for your convenience with a $15 charge.

The reason for this June 3rd extended hours is to give travelers to get a jump on the 2006 and 2007 deadlines for needed passports.

December 31st 2006, U.S. requirement is to have passports for Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, Bermuda and the Caribbean. December 31, 2007 the requirement is extended to all land border crossings, as well as all air and sea travel including all U.S. Territories.

Mark you calendars for Saturday, June 3, 9:00 until 4:00 p.m at Chicago Ridge Post Office 10525 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge.

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Oak Lawn approves additional traffic signage

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance creating additional traffic regulations at the May 23, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The ordinance regulation is written as follows: No left turn southbound and no right turn north bound (9 am to 3 p.m) on 52 nd Ave at narrow street; Northeast bound narrow St to northeast bound Museum Drive (after 2 p.m.) northbound Museum Drive to westbound 95th St;

One way northbound on Tully between 96th St and Museum Drive/narrow St, northeast bound Museum Drive between Tulley and parking garage; northbound 50th Court between 96th St and alley; Change yield to stop sign northbound Tulley Ave at 96th St, westbound 96th Pl at 49th Ave, east and westbound 97th St at 49th Av, westbound 97th Pl at 49th Ave.

Remove no left turn and replace with dead end left arrow southbound Lacrosse Ave to eastbound 96th St. The board concurred with the traffic review board recommendation to remove the traffic barriers at the north end of Brandt Ave just south of 95th St. and to prepare an ordinance for "residential parking only" sign at 9825 S. Tripp Ave.

In other business the board approved an ordinance providing for the tax reduction or abatement for the corporate bond and interest fund for fiscal year beginning Jan 1, 05 and ending Dec 31, 05. The board also approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance of not to exceed $6,000,000 waterworks and sewage revenue bonds, series 2006, for the purpose of interim improvements to the Southwest Water Transportation System. The improvements include increasing the pumping capacity of the Harker Station and installation of a new booster pump station in the City of Oak Forest. These improvements will benefit outside users on this line. This bond issue will be paid entirely by the outside communities benefiting from these improvements. The actual amount of the bond issue is dependent upon the final bid opening and whether one outside community decides to pay upfront for their share. This information was provided to the board in a memo prepared by Gail Paul, Director of Administrative Services. The meeting, which followed a special TIF public meeting at 7 p.m., adjourned into executive session at 11 p.m. The next meeting is June 13.

Students from Oak Lawn run across Illinois to raise money for Africa

Eight members of the Oak Lawn Community High School cross country team, along with a number of fellow runners from the community, are taking part in a charity run to help Oak Lawn students fund a service trip to Kenya, Africa this July (July 7, 2006-August 4, 2006).

The 166-mile run is entitled "Ken-Ya Run Across Illinois" and is supported by family and friends.

The event will begin in Clinton, Iowa at approximately 5:00pm on June 8, 2006 and will conclude on the track of Oak Lawn Community High School at approximately 5:00pm on June 9, 2006. During this 24-hour period, each student will run nearly 6 miles as part of a relay-style format.

This process will continue, unimpeded, until the last runner enters the Oak Lawn city limits. At this time, all runners will gather and participate in the last mile of the run. After a final lap on the Oak Lawn Community High School track, a welcome party will take place that will feature music, refreshments, and a short program.

In order to reach their financial goal of $40,000.00, these eight students created a service group almost two years ago known as "Cross Countries". Since that time, they have been fundraising for their trip and promoting the need for aid in Africa.

Currently, the students have raised nearly $35,000.00 through events and publicity and hope to increase this number by $3000.00 with "Ken-Ya Run Across Illinois".

The members of "Cross Countries" include Senior Dan Buys, Junior Craig Maher, Senior Mark Miller, Senior Matt Miller, Senior Andy Paluck, Junior Will Stanko, Junior Keith Vandewerken, and Sophomore Mike Zero.

To get more information about "Cross Countries," or to make a donation, please contact Chris Repa at (708) 203-2254 or at crepa@olchs.org <mailto:crepa@olchs.org>.

Our website is www.crosscountries.org www.crosscountries.org>.

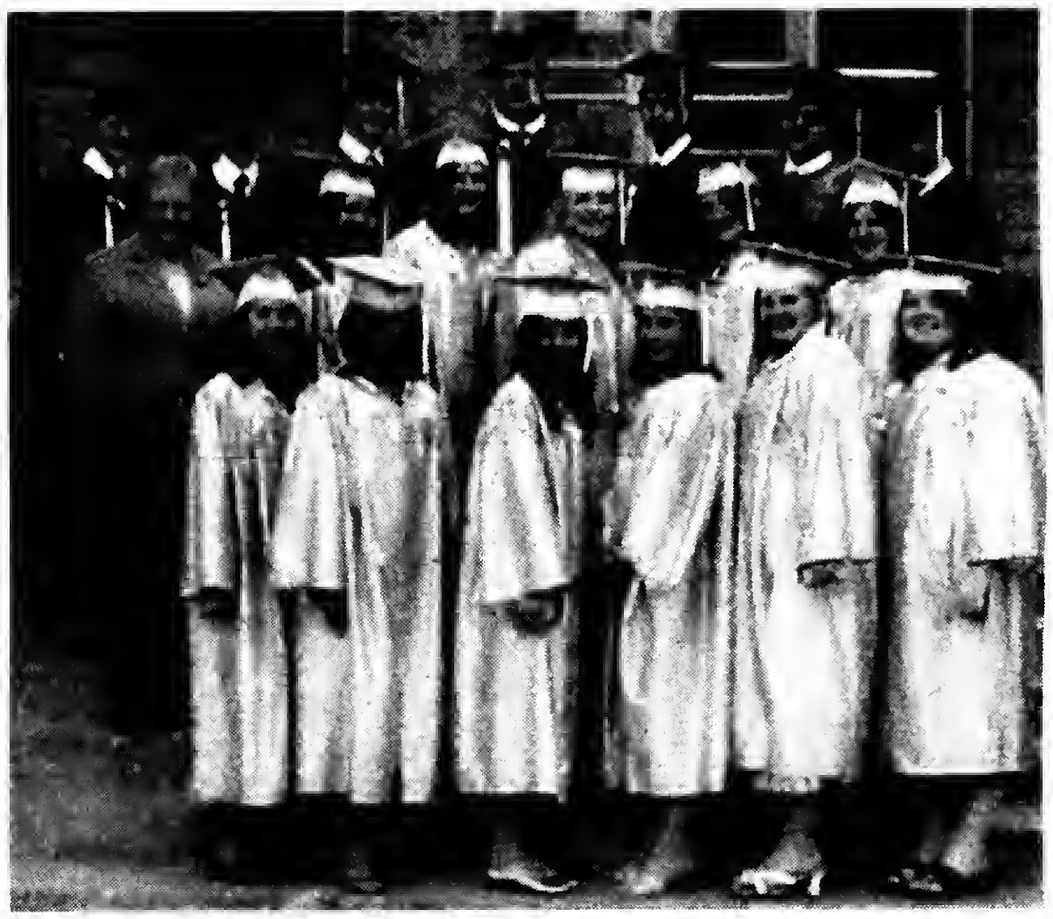

Photo: St. Albert the Great 2006 graduates: Mrs. Marilyn Kurowski, Principal St. Albert the Great School: class of 2006 includes Jason Astorga, Patryk Czaja, Catherine Dornbos, Alicia Garcia, Taylor Jedlowski, Kaitlyn Kopchik, Kaitlyn Kurowski, Ashley Letourneau, Margaret Malone, Rafal Nawara, Dennis Nealis, Valedictorian, Michelle Olvera, Marcella Perez, Salutatorian, Christopher Remijas, Cesar Romo, Theresa Statkus, Megan Stewart, Kevin Wagner

St Albert the Great Burbank celebrates graduates

A Ribbon Mass was celebrated for the class of 2006 graduates of St. Albert the Great, followed by a catered breakfast courtesy of the Parent Association. The 8th Grade Dinner dance for graduates and parents was celebrated and hosted by 6th and 7th grade parents. Everyone had a great time!

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"The Overfed Head"
by Rob Stevens

Rob and his thought provoking self help book, bring to mind all the diets I have tried! Rob the founder of Thintuition states not to count calories, but do exercise! Eat only when hungry and thoroughly enjoy what you eat. Take your time and have a sensual fixation with your food and walk away from it when your hunger is satisfied.

You must know that the difference between real hunger or a growling stomach. If you are like me, as long as I am concentrating on a long term project or engrossed in my job, I really don't get hungry. If I went swimming, walking or to a theatre, believe me I can get hungry.

Rob has the right idea for teaching the reader to get to know your body better. His chapters are bout results not typical, how dieting make you fat, the overfed head, inaccurate eating, satisfying your hunger, and thoroughly enjoy what you eat. "Did you ever watch a thin person eat," said Rob. Well they enjoy what they eat and only consume enough to fulfill their needs. They can easily walk away from the table.

The art and skill of Thintuition.

The teacher teaches feelings of thin people when eating food and comparing those feelings with overweight people, when they eat food.

How unique this book is and how simple it would be to lose weight without dieting. This is one book that I recommend that Rob calls a self help book. He told me that this book can help anyone who is sick of diets. I believe him, but the only thing is to reread the chapter on Satisfying your Hunger.

You can purchase the book at Borders, Waldens or ask at any personnel in the Self Help Section in the book stores. You may contact Rob at www.thintuition.com or by writing to him at Thintuition Publishing, Inc. P.O. Box 180182, Chicago, IL 60618.

Maloney recognized for work on public libraries

State senator Edward Maloney (D-Chicago) received an award from a group of local public libraries in appreciation of his "outstanding leadership, vision and dedication to Illinois libraries."

The award was due, at least in part, to Senator Maloney's sponsorship of Senate Bill 1882. The bill provided contracts regarding the construction, remodeling, repairing, or improving an existing library building, in excess of $20,000 must be let by competitive bidding. Previously the threshold was $10,000.

Libraries that thanked Senator Maloney in the award included Alsip-Merionette Park Public Library District, Chicago Ridge Public Library, Evergreen Park Public library, Green Hills Public Library District, Palos Hills, Hometown Public Library, Oak lawn Public library, Prairie Trails Public Library District-Burbank, and the Worth Public Library District.

Senator Maloney took the opportunity to praise public libraries and their role in the educational process. "They provide opportunities for citizens of all ages from preschoolers to seniors to improve themselves and broaden their horizons" said Maloney.

OCS Annual Blood Drive

The Office of Citizens' Services will sponsor their Annual Blood Drive at the H.B. Maher Community Center on Saturday, June 24 8:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Please consider donating blood, for your convenience, phone 422-8776 to make an appointment. Donors are greatly appreciated, as community drives rely on them to maintain a sufficient blood supply for the Village. Donated blood is literally the "gift of life."

Beyond Logic

Copr. 2006 by Jacki Mari...and, what has happened in your life that seems to be Beyond Logic? Share it with other people who may think that what they have experienced is [dododo-dodo-do], you know, weird!

...write to me about your own Beyond Logic experience. It's P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454, or email me at jackimari@sbcglobal.net

Parakeets Don't Sing! "My sister told me she would make my Parakeets sing if anything bad ever happened to her. Well, Parakeets don't sing! I laughed it off. But, o September 30, 1965, I had an awful dream. I saw myself, in the dream, driving a white car with a red interior. I had crashed into something like an invisible wall. I somehow got out of the car and was screaming for someone, anyone, who could help me, because I could not find my legs! I could see only half of me. Needless to say, this dream terrified me.

On October I, 1965, about 11 o'clock at night, my Parakeets sang like canaries! Then the phone rang. I just knew something had happened to my sister. It was the hospital calling to tell me about my sister being in an accident. They would not tell me on the phone that she was dead. I later learned that she had been riding in a white car with a red interior. She and a boyfriend were victims of a police chase, where the pursued kids crashed through the car she was in at 100 mph into the car, cutting it in half, and my sister too!"

This a true story Beyond Logic

In fact, this is one of my stories. She was my sister, Carolyn! And, to this day I have never heard that Parakeets sing!

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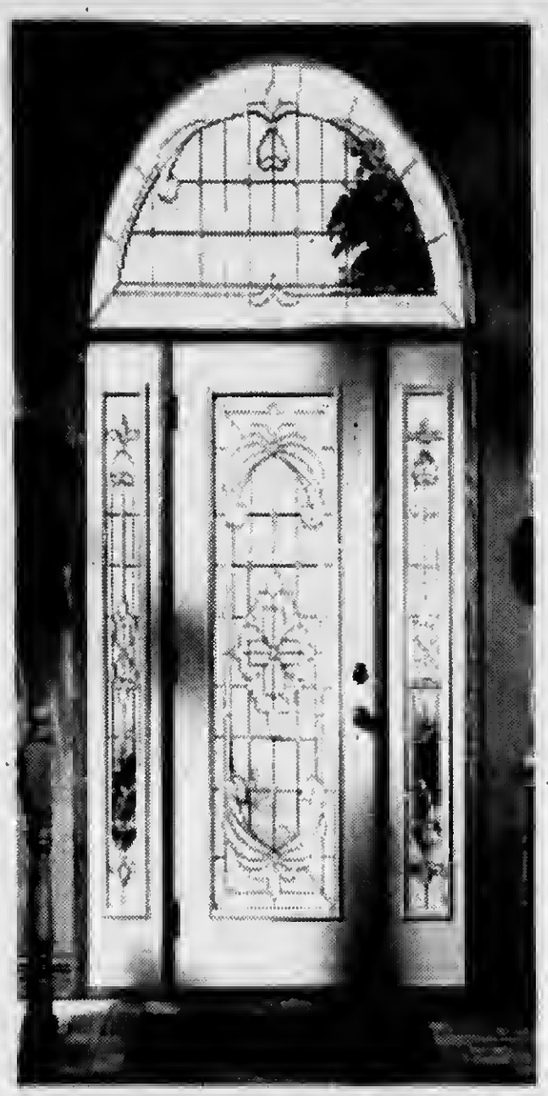

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If it's not one TIF, it's another

by Matt Mayer

The village chambers were overflowing into the halls and down the stairs as people gathered for the public hearing held at 7 p.m. prior to the regular Board of Trustees meeting on May 23, regarding a proposed 111th and Cicero Ave Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. Mayor Dave Heilmann and acting Village Manager / Fire Chief Ed Folliard were not present. Trustee Steve Rosenbaum was president pro-tem and Lynn Krauss, Director of Quality Control and Public Works was presiding as Acting Village Manager. Trustee Tom Phelan (D-6) first proposed the concept of a TIF for the creation of a life style center, which would include high-end retailers, shortly after taking office and remains a strong proponent of this concept. Mayor Heilmann has also shown interest in this project. The boundaries for this project are 111th St to the south, the residential property lines of the former Dominick's and Automation to the north. Cicero on the east, and the residential subdivision on the west.

Robert Rychlicki of Kane, McKenna and Associates, Inc, who was retained by the village to perform the TIF study, prepared the TIF plan and eligibility report. There are 13 blighted factors to qualify for a TIF; 5 or more factors need to be present for eligibility.

Rychlicki outlined 6 factors that Kane, McKenna had identified - they are obsolescence, deterioration, excessive vacancies, inadequate utilities, lack of community planning, lag or decline in equalized assessed valuation (EAV). James Klenk with the law firm of Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal LLP, which is representing K-Mart, addressed the board and disputed the TIF eligibility report. Klenk said K-Mart has been at this location since 1974 and employees 134 people. He also said that K-Mart has 17 more years left on their lease and has two stores in the village. This particular store has in excess of $20 million in sales per year.

"We do not believe that it's possible to find a blight, I'm not going to stand here as a lawyer and make these arguments. I have brought a certified land planner, Allen Kracower, who has more than 35 years experience in matters like this. He began working with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the 1960's on these issues and has reviewed thousands of developments of this nature," Klenk said. Michael Lach a professional engineer and Steve Weiss an architect were also present for questions.

Kracower addressed the board and opposed the TIF by saying none of the 6 factors claimed for the TIF "Blight" test are met here. He outlined each one of the factors by saying: "There is no major defects in structure or pavements sufficient to meet the deterioration standard; the existing buildings are not obsolete. Vacancies are not excessive throughout the area, and do not have adverse influence on area. The utilities are in good shape and are not inadequate. The EAV factor is overstated and ignores substantial revenue to village from K-Mart and other businesses in this area and there is no adverse incompatible land uses." He also said that the village's flooding information is also inaccurate.

"K-Mart has spent over $612,000 in the past several years fixing up their property - it's really in good condition," Kracrower said. "Harley Davidson has spent $1.5 to $2 million dollars for improvements. Flap Jacks Restaurant has spent $200,000; Automaton has spent $3-$3.5 million for improvements; and A &D Tile has invested some $400,000.

There is no need for any public expenditure of funds and absolutely no need for the taking of these properties. Clearly that is not blight," Kracrower said. K-Mart managers, business owners, employees, patrons and residents also voiced their opposition.

Klenk followed up by saying, "K-Mart is committed to this location and Oak Lawn. And we'll be all the way to the court house if necessary."

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Photo: The All-American Boy award is received by Tom March from Congressman Daniel Lipinski.

Tom March receives award from Cong Dan Lipinski

The All-American Boy award is open to 7th and 8th grade students who live and attend school in the Third Congressional District. The competition this year awarded Tom March a US Savings Bond in the Congressman's Office after missing the ceremony due to the student's obligation as team captain for his school basketball conference playoffs.

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Frankfort	Sunday through October	Breidert Green on Kansas St.	12pm-4pm	815-469-2177
Joliet	Friday 6/16 to 9/29	Van Buren Plaza & Chicago St.	8am-2pm	815-774-6066
Lemont	Tuesday 6/27 to 10/31	Stephen & Canal St.	8am-1pm.	630-243-2700
Mokena	Saturday through October	Wolf & Front St.	8am-2pm	630-784-0862
Oak Lawn	Wednesday 6/28-10/11	Village Hall North Parking Lot	7am-2pm	708-636-4400
Orland Park	Friday 6/9 to 10/6	Village Civic Parking Lot 14700 S Ravinia	7:30am-1pm	708-403-6145
Palos Heights	Wednesday 6/7 to 10/4	Tiffany Square, College Dr. Rt.83 & Harlem	7am-1pm.	708-361-1800
Palos Park	Friday 6/30-10/13	PP Presbyterian 12312 S. 88th Ave	8am-12:30pm	448-2700
Robbins	Tue, Thurs, Sat To Oct	139th Claire Blvd.	7am to 2pm	385-8940
Tinley Park	Saturday to 9/23	Metra Pkng Lot 173rd Oak Park Ave.	7am to noon	805-4769
Chicago Beverly	Sunday 6/4 to 10/22	95th Longwood Dr. SE corner	7am to 2pm	

Queen of Peace principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald

Queen of Peace plans farewell liturgy reception for principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald

Queen of Peace High School faculty and staff members have planned a liturgy and reception celebrating the educational ministry of outgoing Principal Patricia Nolan-Fitzgerald on Sunday, June 25 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Nolan-Fitzgerald will be honored for her over 30 years of service to the school as a teacher and administrator. Alumnae, parents and friends of the Peace Community are invited to attend this gathering, set to take place at Queen of Peace. Please R.S.V.P. with your name and number in your party by calling (708) 458-7600, ext. 499 or by e-mail celebratepatty@hotmail.com by June 16.

Nolan-Fitzgerald is a Queen of Peace alumna from the Class of 1968. She earned a B.A. in English Education from Dominican University and a M.Ed. in Administration from Loyola University. She is the Founder and Director of COR (Catholic Schools Opposing Racism), Vice-President of DASS (Dominican Association of Secondary Schools), a member of the Archdiocese High School Leadership Council and a Charter member of the Archdioceses and Principals Anti-Racism Committees.

She has earned many recognitions, including: the Chicago Archdiocese Secondary School Principal Award (1999), the Augustus Tolton/ Nathan Jones Special Achievement Award (1999), the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Common Ground Award (2002), the National Catholic Education Association Outstanding Principal Award (2002), the Father John Smyth Award for Dedication (2002) and the Susan Berkowitz Award for Outstanding Service to Children (2003). She was inducted into the Queen of Peace Hall of Fame in 2000.

Life Line Screening for strokes

Residents living in the Burbank area can be screened to reduce the risk of having a stroke at the Stevenson Park Recreational Center on June 9th at the site 6100 West 85th Street in Burbank. Appointments begin at 9am. Call 1-800-697-9721 for an appointment. Preregistration is required.

A complete vascular screening package including the Stroke Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screening is $109. For $129 one gets the osteoporosis screen. Each screen takes less then 10 minutes to complete.

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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: If the answers you get are always "no" then there is a reason for it. Look into it. Reason it out. Everything in life is "timing!"

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You should be meeting a new love soon. If already committed, say "no" and move on. This could be a renewed love too, M or A?

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Your own psychic ability is trying to help you and it can if you let it. You can depend on someone R or M to assist you.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read the above message and add this: just because others cannot see or hear what you do does not mean they're not real!

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You may find yourself working with numbers and/or dealing with other people's financial affairs. C...K & T can help.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the Sagittarius message and add this: reason how much more you have today than you had last year. B aids.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: The timing is right. You meet a very possible new love, and a new job offer comes. Many of you could win lotteries! M and S aid.

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Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

June 6, 2006=The dreaded 666

Well, folks, 6-6-06 is just another date on the calendar. Or is it? With Dan Brown's DaVinci materials seemingly so convincing, one can only assume that we might have something to worry about or guard ourselves against. Will the devil be loosed? Will evil take over the world? Numerology says "add 'em up to a single digit" and you get 6+6+6 which is first 18 then a 9. On the positive side in numerology #9 represents "endings," but endings to what? Perhaps it means endings to grief, to greed and sorrow. Maybe endings to corruption, war, poverty and health concerns. But, it is also thought that a child born on this day might be the evil one. These are not the Medieval times however, and people should stop and reason out how many prophesies have not come true about the "end of days" and evil "will collect" many souls on 6-6-06. Your own Faith will carry you through. Believe in your Creator, walk by those "still waters, unafraid" you see, evil needs your permission to corrupt your life. Evil has its restrictions too.

Alyn and Jacki

Oak Lawn's Fall on the Green Festival plans underway

The Village of Oak Lawn will be holding its annual Fall on the Green Festival on the weekend of September 8,9 and 10. This year they anticipate as many as 50,000 people will attend the three-day event. The festival is fun for the whole family and includes live entertainment, arts, crafts, games, rides and a variety of foods and drinks.

The Arts and Crafts tent will host as many as 75 different crafters and exhibitors from all over the Midwest. The entertainment lineup includes a diverse mix of bands from all over the Chicago area including the Oak Lawn High School Marching Band and the Weber Irish Dancers. The teen area will feature a climbing wall, a bungee run, a giant twister game and many other fun attractions. There is no charge for admission to Fall on the Green Festival. For more information about the festival, including sponsorship, exhibiting, and venting, contact the Oak Lawn Village Clerk Jane Quinlan at 708-499-7738 or jquinlan@oaklawn-il.gov.

Burbank Park District news

Summer Day Camp at the Burbank Park District is filled with a complete day of fun and exciting programs. Program activities include games, sports, swimming, crafts, special events, theme days and field trips.

Day camp starts Monday, June 12th from 9am to 3pm. , for ages 3-12. Also offered is Before camp care from 7:30am-9am and After camp care from 3pm to 5:30pm. Call 708-599-2070 for rates.

Cub Trip! Take a trip to Wrigley Field to see the Chicago Cubs take on the Houston Astros (go Astros), on Wednesday evening under the lights June 14th. Cost is $45 and includes motor coach transportation and ticket. The bus leaves at 4:30pm.

Youth Flag Football: Enjoy the sport of football as the class teaches how to pass, catch, simple positions and teamwork. Junior size footballs and flags are used so they are just the right fit. This is a non-contact game and a great introduction to the future football star.

Classes start June 15th and last until July 20th. They meet on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 for ages 7-10 and 5:30-6:30 for age 11 to 15. Price is $37 resident and $52 nonresident.

The Burbank Park District is 8050 Newcastle Ave. For added information call 708-599-2070.

Oak Lawn Garden Club news

The Oak Lawn Garden Club will hold its' annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 25th from 1pm to 5pm. There will be five gardens to view. Tickets are $7 each and available at Millie's ice cream and Luncheon Shop at 95th St. and 52nd Ave. Lemonade and cookies will be served at one of the gardens.

One garden has a sitting area with a pond in back and a gazebo with landscaping all around amidst Japanese Maples. A second garden is like a country cottage with potted plants on the side and a landscape swimming pool. Another garden resembles the North Woods, pine, ferns, and flowers plus a gushing water pool with koi in it. For further information call 708-424-4846 or 708-499-0578.

Oak Lawn Chamber holds golf outing

The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Golf Classic, sponsored by Oak Lawn Mazda, on Wednesday, June 14 at Stony Creek Golf Course, 5850 W. 103rd Street. The fee of $100 per person includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner and drinks. Other packages include golf only for $60 per person, or $45 for dinner only.

Golf registration begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. An open bar will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Chamber again will offer a Miniature Golf tournament beginning at 4 p.m. The cost is $60 per person for miniature golf and dinner, or $15 for golf only.

Grand raffle tickets are available for purchase for $10 each or 3 for $25. Prizes include a vacation to Steamboat Springs, Colo., a weekend getaway to Eagle Ridge in Galena, overnight accommodations and dining courtesy of the Hilton Oak Lawn, a digital camera with portable printer, and a golf package for four, including lunch and carts. Winners will be selected on June 14 and need not be present.

Advanced reservations are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, or to register, contact the Chamber office at (708) 424-8300 or olchamber@oaklawnchamber.com

EP Farmers Market

The Evergreen Park Farmers' Market will open for the 2006 season at 7:00 a.m. , June 1, and will be open each Thursday, through October 26. It is located at Yukich Field, 90th & Kedzie. Hours: 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

To schedule a ride on the Minibus, call 422-8776.

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Recently, Ralph, a dear friend of ours, shared the following story with us that I, in turn, would like to share with you. It is a story you may find yourself remembering in times of trouble - a reminder that not all dire and hopeless situations are what they seem. I know I find myself reflecting on this sensible sentiment.

I HEAR YOUR HORSE RAN AWAY

Once there was an old farmer who had a horse and a young son. One day the horse ran away. A neighboring farmer hearing this , came over to the farmer and said, "I hear you had a bit of bad luck, your horse ran away." The old farmer was very wise, and he said, "We'll just have to wait and see." It may be good. It may be bad.

A few days later the horse returned and with it came a mare. When the neighboring farmer heard this , again he came to the farmer's house. He said, " I hear you've had a bit of good news." Your horse has returned and brought a mare with it. Now you'll have two horses" The old farmer again told his neighbor, "We'll have to wait and see. It could be good. It could be bad."

Weeks passed, and one day while the son was hooking up the plow to the mare, and the mare was startled and kicked the son in the leg. It severely harmed the leg, causing the son to be lame. When the neighbor heard this he came over and said to the old farmer, "I hear you've had a bit of bad luck. Your son was crippled by the mare." The farmer again told his neighbor, "We'll just have to wait and see. It may be good. it may be bad."

A few years passed and a great war came to the land. All the young men were asked to go off into the army, including the neighbor's son. But not the old farmer's son because he was crippled. During the great battle the neighbor's son was killed. The neighbor went to the old farmer and said, "I hear you're pretty lucky. Your son did not have to go off to war and die like mine" And the old farmer said, "We'll have to wait and see." It may be good. It may be bad." And the story goes on and on from that - Good and Bad, Good and Bad.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEE~

If you want your life to be more rewarding, you have to change the way you think. (Oprah Winfrey.)

Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center announces its summer calendar

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Callbacks: June 15, 5-10 p.m.
Performance: August 3-5
People of all ages are encouraged to audition for Shakespeare's The Taming of the Shrew by preparing one of the following three options (listed in order of preference): a speech from *The Taming of the Shrew*, a speech from another Shakespeare play, or optional cold reading that will be available at the audition. No previous theater experience is necessary. To sign-up for an audition, call Dr. Craig Rosen at (708) 974-5432 or e-mail him at rosen@morainvalley.edu <mailto:rosen@morainvalley.edu>.

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For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu <mailto:crotty@morainevalley.edu>.

It's not too late to advertise your festival and fair! Call Village View at 708-423-9754!

SSAC mission to march for jobs

Southland residents will be marching for education funding reform, support for the third airport, metro equity, an end to crime and violence, immigration reform, reauthorization of the voting rights act, and the elimination of homelessness. These issues affect the approximately 300,000 residents of Chicago's Southland communities.

Meeting Place: 14th Street(Route 30/Lincoln Highway & Wentworth Avenue)

·Gathering Time: 1 p.m.

·Staging Areas (Buses/Vans/Cars): 1250 Portland & 1314 McKinley

·Contact: SSAC office at 708-335-1712

SSAC MISSION

Rally at Martin Luther King Park in Chicago Heights!

Invited guests and speakers: U.S. Senator Barack Obama, U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., Rep. Jerry Weller,

Gov. Rod Blagojevich, Attorney General Lisa Madigan, State Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, State Senator Emil Jones, Jr.,

State Senator James T. Meeks, State Senator Maggie Crotty, State Senator Debbie Halvorson,

State Rep. David Miller, State Rep. Robin Kelly, State Rep. Will Davis, State Rep. George Scully, State Rep. Lisa Dugan,

The Far South Suburban NAACP, and South Suburban Mayors and Managers

Evergreen Park holds Flag Day Ceremony

Mayor James Sexton of Evergreen Park announced that on Wednesday, June 14 at 9:30am at the Village of Evergreen Park will hold a Flag Day ceremony at the new Veterans Memorial Corner located at the southwest corner of 87th and Kedzie.

Color Guard from the American Legion Post #854 will perform a formal ceremony. Flags from all five armed forces and the POW flag will be represented.

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Whiting presents their 87th anniversary for festivals and parade

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The parade is at 10:00 on the 4th of July.

The parade route is 115th & Indianapolis Blvd., south to 119th St., East to Whiting Park.

Marist athletes sign letter of intent

Just an hour before receiving their high school diplomas, five recent Marist graduates signed National Letters of Intent, confirming they will be members of college athletic teams.

Bridget Bentley (West Beverly) was accepted to the highly competitive United States Military Academy at West Point (West Point, New York) where she will compete in track and field. "Bridget will do great at West Point," Marist girls' cross country head coach and assistant girls' track coach Pat Quinn said. "She has an incredible athletic prowess and is a great young woman, too."

Mitchell Bouie (Markham) will attend Division I school Central Connecticut State University (New Britain, Conn.), and play basketball. Bouie served Marist's squad as a small forward and will do the same for the Blue Devils. "Mitchell is strong and exceptionally athletic and will fit in well at the Division I level. He's done an exceptional job preparing for this opportunity both on the court and in the classroom," boys' basketball head coach Gene Nolan '92 said.

Bridget Boyle (Oak Lawn) will attend Coastal Carolina University, a Division I school, in Conway, South Carolina, to play on the women's soccer team. Boyle is a defensive midfield stopper/stopper and has been an integral part of Marist's soccer success. "Bridget is a player that can take control of the game at any time and she is someone we can build our attack around, and we quite literally did that this season," Marist girls' soccer head coach Sean Maxwell said.

Maureen Downs (Mt. Greenwood) will attend Loyola University and play basketball. Marist girls' basketball head coach Mary Pat Connolly has called Downs the "building block" of Marist's girls' basketball program. "Not only has

Maureen set scoring and rebounding records, but off the court, she emulates what every female athlete should be," Connolly said.

Kate Grunauer (Mt. Greenwood) will attend Lake Forest College and play basketball. "Kate has had an incredible career at Marist. With her selection to all-conference and all-area teams, she has put Marist on the map as one of the top girls' basketball programs on the South Side," Coach Connolly said.

Founded by the Marist Brothers in 1963, Marist High School is a private Catholic school serving the young men and women of southwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs. The school offers 24 athletics programs and competes in the highly regarded East Suburban Catholic League.

Mobile Driver Services Facility arrive at OCS

Secretary of State Mobile Driver Services Facility will be at OCS, 3450 West 97th Street 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the annual day in The Park, Saturday, June 24, 2006.

Service include:
- Vision screening
- Written examinations
- Duplicate license
- Corrected license
- Driver's license renewal
- State Identification cards (excellent identification for youth when traveling)
- Vehicle renewal stickers

To apply for, or renew, a driver's license, you must provide acceptable identification to verify your name, date of birth, Illinois residency, social security number and signature.

News from St. Albert the Great

Photo: 1st place winner of Cook County State's attorney, Richard A. Divine's Anti Drug Poster Contest, John Nowobiliski a 6th grader at St. Albert.

John Nowobiliski a 6th grader at St. Albert. Received a Savings Bond and also Cub tickets at a ceremony at the Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier for his winning poster "Drugs Can Drown All Your Dreams, Think About It."

Two teachers, Mrs. Finch and Mrs. Merlo, 2nd grade and kindergarten respectively, have been selected for inclusion in the 10th Edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Two additional teachers were selected and they are Mrs. Holy, 7th grade and Mrs. Murphy, 1st grade. Their dedication helps St. Albert School to be the excellent school that it is.

Savana Martin a 7th grader has been selected to appear in the 2005-06 edition of "Who's Who Among Outstanding Middle School Students"

Meghan Stewart (8) won the essay competition sponsored by the Department of Illinois Marine Corps League South Suburban Detachment and was sent off to the Marine Corps League's State Competition. She received 1st Place in the state Competition.

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LARGE GROUPS WELCOME

Networking And Volunteering Is Key For Career-Minded College Students And Graduates

(NAPSA)-College students and recent graduates seeking to get a foot in the door in the working world can gain valuable experience through volunteering. The key to success is in thinking beyond traditional jobs to find volunteer opportunities and resources that will jump-start a meaningful and fulfilling career.

Volunteering experience can be a significant asset to the resumes of college students and graduates. Many recruiters now look for volunteer service on resumes as a telltale sign of strong moral character, good work ethic and proven leadership skills. Not only does volunteer experience show potential employers that a candidate is a responsible citizen of the world, but it also provides networking opportunities, a critical component of the business world that may be a new concept for those in college or recently graduated.

Kiwanis International, a global volunteer service organization, and Circle K International, a Kiwanis service leadership program for college students, created the Career Contacts program and job board with the link between volunteering and networking in mind. Designed to promote career development by encouraging college students to interact with Kiwanis members, the program offers opportunities for students and recent graduates to introduce themselves to key decision-makers across a wide variety of professional fields. Kiwanis members support the program in many ways; as career mentors, hosts for a "day at the office," participants in a campus career fair or mock job interview, or just by being listed in the business directory.

"We created this program in hopes of educating today's youth on the process of job searching and providing them with opportunities vital to success in today's working world," said Casey Keller, director of Circle K International. "Career Contacts is an excellent resource for both potential employees and employers to find prospects with similar, service-oriented interests and backgrounds."

For other ways to build a circle of professional contacts and gain valuable volunteering experience, consider the following tips:

Join a service organization or start your own local club.

Actively seek out volunteer opportunities, job fairs and professional networking events related to your field.

Ask to job shadow a professional contact met through volunteering.

Utilize volunteering and networking Web sites to meet like-minded individuals.

Participate in your school's local chapter of a larger professional organization.

For more info on Kiwanis International, Circle K International and the Career Contacts program, please visit www.kiwanis.org or call (800) KIWANIS.

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Making Summer Reading Fun And Exciting

(NAPSA)-Asking most kids to pick up a book during July or August is like asking them to clean their room or eat their Brussels sprouts. Fortunately, there's a simple solution to the quandary of summer reading lists: Stock them with titles that are fun and challenging and encourage kids to look beyond a book's covers.

"A Treasure's Trove" (Treasure Trove, Inc.) by Michael Stadther is one such book to consider. A beautifully illustrated fairy tale suitable for children of all ages, it became a New York Times best-seller, captured the hearts and imaginations of children and families and, through clues hidden in its pages, inspired a nationwide treasure hunt. At the request of teachers and librarians, the author has read it to children at hundreds of schools throughout North America and at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll.

The story, which appeals to both boys and girls, takes place in the Great Forest and tells a sweet (and sometimes sad) tale of friendship and greed, good and dark fairies and how love can overcome fear. There is plenty of action and suspense, plus beautiful fairies and romance. The book is all about family values, love and cooperation, loyalty and friendship. It teaches children the importance of saving the forests, about working together to accomplish their goals and that they need not be afraid of the dark.

"This book's value is truly in the words and excitement on the kids' faces," said Katie Mullins, a 3rd grade teacher at Degan Elementary School in Lewisville, Texas.

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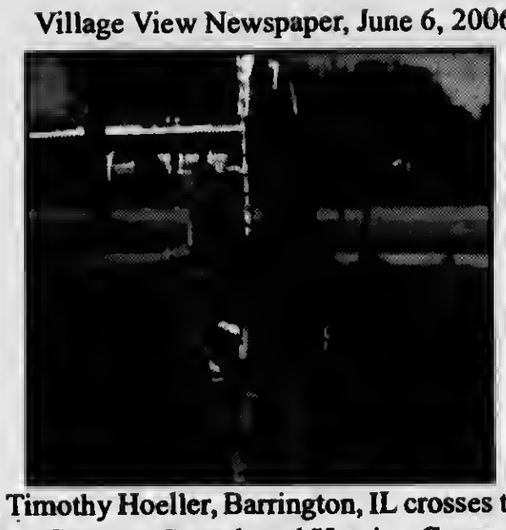
Because children quickly and easily gravitate to the book's characters and themes, teachers asked the author if he could provide additional "Treasure Trove" material for classroom use. In response, "A Treasure's Trove Teachers' Guide," developed in conjunction with a panel of leading educational advisors in the U.S., is now available for download at www. atreasurestrove.com/ schools.

Intended as an enrichment tool, it is chock-full of puzzles and activities in such subject areas as reading comprehension, poetry, music composition, map reading and drawing, problem solving and critical thinking. The first 1,000 educators to register online for the new guide will receive free copy of "A Treasure's Trove," "A Puzzle Book Companion" and the "Official Solution Book to A Treasure's Trove."

In September 2006, the book's sequel, "Secrets of the Alchemist Dar," will be released-this time accompanied by a worldwide treasure hunt. Once again, Stadther will visit schools to read the book to students in grades 3 and up. Teachers and principals interested in having the author visit their schools should sign up early by visiting www.atreasurestrove. com/ schools.

"A Treasure's Trove" is available in hard- and softcover at major bookstores and Amazon.com. To learn more, visit the Web site at www.atreasurestrove.com.



Runner, Timothy Hoeller, Barrington, IL crosses the finish line first at Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center's "Stepping out wiht Sertoma" 5K Run and Fun Walk.

Stepping our with Sertoma 5 K of fun

"What kind of order did Sertoma place in order to get this weather," said Roy Werner, business manager for Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center and one of 90 people who came our in the beautiful weather for "Stepping out with Sertoma" 5 K run and fun walk recently. The run was held across from the Palos Hills office, 10409 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills in awareness and support of May as "Better Speech and hearing Month."

Runners from all over the south and southwest suburbs enjoyed the beautiful day. Timothy Hoeller, a runner from Barrington, IL. came in first place overall with a time of 22.42. Second place finisher, Dan Kaminski from Orland Park, IL followed with a time of 23.51.

Music was furnished by Ken Lindemann, disc jockey from "Better Than a Jukebox" out of Bolingbrook.

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center is the only not-for-profit, community based center in the south/southwest suburban area. All proceeds from "Stepping out with Sertomas" benefit the clients and community and helps to satisfy Sertoma mission to provide quality professional care to all those in need of speech and hearing services regardless of income level.

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Valerie Harper stars as Golda

by Marijo Doody

Four-time Emmy Award-winner Valerie Harper stars in "Golda's Balcony" about legendary Prime Minister Golda Meir in the National Tour of the Broadway smash "Golda's Balcony" at the La Salle Bank Theatre (The Old Shubert) through June 11, 2006.

Golda spans life 1898 to 1978, was from Milwaukee and has a Midwest United States background indicated Ms. Harper. Americans took to Meir because of that.

William Gibson's one-woman play "Golda's Balcony" showed many different things. Not only was it a history lesson on the Israel situation but also reminded us that war is in our own time.

Golda's rise from a Russian school- girl to Israel's Prime Minister is one of the most thrilling stories of the 20th century. Gibson's play ran 15 months on Broadway to sold- out crowds!

The play chronicles the public and private life of Israel's Prime Minister Golda Meir. She was the 'founding grandmother' of Israel! She was truly a modern woman, who married, had children and had a rewarding career!

Her life was such a part of the creation of the Jewish state, from the early Zionist pioneers from the 1920's to the displaced persons as a result of the Holocaust and the founding of the state in 1948. The Yom Kipper War of 1973 was the major crisis with the future of Israel and the world hanging in the balance.

In the play, she deals with all the major powers of the time: Secretary of State Henry Kissinger of the United States and Jordan's King Abduallah.

The play presents two view of the balcony; the first from her apartment in Tel Aviv with the sea view and the other from the secret nuclear facility the Israeli's built Did the French help them!

Harper using her Milwaukee accent gives a sterling performance. Her clothing is the traditional Meir's trademark. How one can remember so many lines! Her interplay with the men surrounding showed energy and projection. However some words were lost. Perhaps a smaller theater would benefit. I wondered about the last row of the balcony's hearing!

Chicago Shakespeare summer kids programs

Your favorite characters from Dr. Seuss and "The Simpsons" come to life all summer long on Navy Pier.

At Chicago Shakespeare Theater (CST) *Seussical, The Musical* and *MacHomer* are being presented June 30-August 20 and July 5-23, 2006 respectively. Audience members of all ages will delight in these presentations.

Seussical, The Musical is based on characters of Dr. Seuss classics and is narrated by his best known character, The Cat in the Hat. It will be performed in the Courtyard Theatre at CST. Five- time Jeff Award winner, E. Faye Butler stars as The Cat in the Hat. Rebecca Finnegan a-two-time 2005 Jeff Award winning actress, makes her CST debut in the production.

Mcbeth is given a comedic, pop-culture twist in *MacHomer*. This is a must-see for all fans of The Simpsons. It was created and performed by Rick Miller and directed by Sean Lynch. The one-man vocal spectacle features 50 voices from TV's Simpsons. One of the Simpson writers is a cousin of mine. The production will run in the Upstairs Theatre at CST.

Performances of Seussical are Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11am, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 2pm and Friday and Saturday at 7pm. Tickets are $18 students and 18 and under and $23 adults. The production is geared for ages 4 and up.

Performances of MacHomer are scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 7 and 10pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are $30. The production is geared for 10 and up.

To purchase tickets call CST Box Office at 312-595-5600. CST at Navy Pier is easily accessible by public transportation.

Noble Fool Theatricals presents Ruthless

Noble Fool Theatricals presents the award winning Off-Broadway musical Ruthless written by Joal Paley with music by Marvin Laird on the Mainstage Theater at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa, 4051 E. Main Street in St. Charles.

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Britney Spears appeared on stage in the Off-Broadway in 1992 and the play ran for 102 performances. In the cast are Natalie Berg, Vaneessa Greenway, Katie Jeep, David Kortemeier, Renee Matthews, Wendy Mortimer, Courteny Rioux and Marissa Swanson.

Musical director is Bonnie Shadrake (Flanagan's Wake) and choreographer is Bob Kiser. The director is Bill Jenkens.

Show times are Wednesday through Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 4:30 and 8:30pm and Sunday at 2pm. It runs June 14 to August 21, 2006. Tickets are $27 (W-T) and $37 on F-Su. Dinner show packages are $46 and $56. Overnight packages are available. Call 630-584-6342 for tickets.

Jazz at Symphony Center concludes

The 2005-06 Jazz at symphony Center concludes Friday, June 9 at 8pm with an evening of piano jazz with celebrated artist and composer Marian Mc Partland. She at 88 years young has delighted music lovers in clubs and concert halls through the world for more then 65 years. From England, Mc Partland hiit the jazz clubs in the 50's and listened to many of the greatest, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Dave Brubeck and others.

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Ms. Mc Partland performs at symphony Center with two pianist, Gonzalo Rubalcaba and Eric Reed. Call Symphony Center for tickets at 312-294-3000.

Blue Island Library news

Last Movie before summer

The Blue Island Public Library and Senior Office schedule one last movie before the summer break. On Wednesday, June 7th at 1pm, Steven Spielberg's drama "Munich" will be shown. The film rated "R" depicts the tragic events at and after the 1972 Olympics when Palestinian terrorists brutally murdered Israeli athletics.

There is no charge, but attendees must have a Blue Island Senior Discount Card to gain admission. Contact the Mayor's Senior Office at Blue Island City Hall. See Joan Scannell.

Blue Island Library hosts State Treasurer Investigator

Blue Island 'Oldest -Living Male Librarians Dave and Dan' will man the Library tent at Main Street BI's TGIF Picnics. The first Picnic event will host State Treasurer's Cash Dash Investigators. They can help folks see if there are any unclaimed bank deposits or valuable stock securities with their names on it just waiting to be claimed..

The TGIF Picnic has mini book sales and raffles. This time it could be profitable for some one unknown! The Picnic will be at The Park, York at Western in the heart of Blue Island.

Blue Island Library hosts session on UFO's

On Wednesday, June 14th at 7pm, Sam Maranto, an Illinois District Director of the Mutual UFO Network, will visit the Blue Island Library to conduct an up to date briefing on and answer questions about recent developments in the world of UFO's. The session should be lively and interesting.

Seating is limited and tickets are required. See the Main Desk at the library. Blue Island Library is at 2433 York and is fully accessible. Call Dan for added information at 708-388-1078 ex 30.

Blue Island Library offers summer programs for all

This summer the Blue Island Public Library children reading events are: Pre School Story Time beginning Friday, June 16. "A Voyage to Book Island" starts Wednesday, June 14th and features fun activities, movies, many stories and reading. "Reading Buddies" the program for elementary students and senior citizens a summer home at the library. The Children's Department number is 708-388-1078 ex 22.

Adult and young reader events offer "Just Read It." Beginning June 12th each time an eligible person (12 and over) checks out a book ask for a Just read It entry form. Prizes are awarded after the program ends on August 18th. Prize for the adult reader (18 and over) is $100 gift certificate from Blue Island Travel Services. The young adult (12-18 reader) prize is an Apple 512 MB Ipod Schuffle.

Blue Island Library is at 2433 York and is fully accessible. Call Dan for added information at 708-388-1078 ex 30.

Cubs Care help fund Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp

Carrying their bats, balls and baseball gloves the children attending this years Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center Fantasy Baseball Camp will be on a winning team thanks to a grant of $6500 from Cubs Care, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation.

Mr. Cub, Erie Banks presented the check to be used for the Fantasy Baseball Camp, to the Sertoma's Board of Directors. The Camp is designed for children ages 5 to 14 who are speech or hearing impaired.

The weeklong training will run from 6-8pm Monday through Friday beginning June 26, at Hawkinson Ford Field, 14011 S. Kenton Ave, Crestwood, Il, home of the Windy City Thunderbolts.

Rick "Rock" Santiago will head the camp. He was awarded "Outstanding Citizen" aware in 2004 from Orland Hills for his involvement with Sertoma Fantasy Camp. PR and marketing director, Katie Gans comments, "we are proud of the program and how it has developed over the years. Our Volunteers keep coming back and team rosters continue to grow each year and everyone involved seem to enjoy this camp!"

To volunteer or register your child for Fantasy Camp contact Katie Gans at 708-599-9500.

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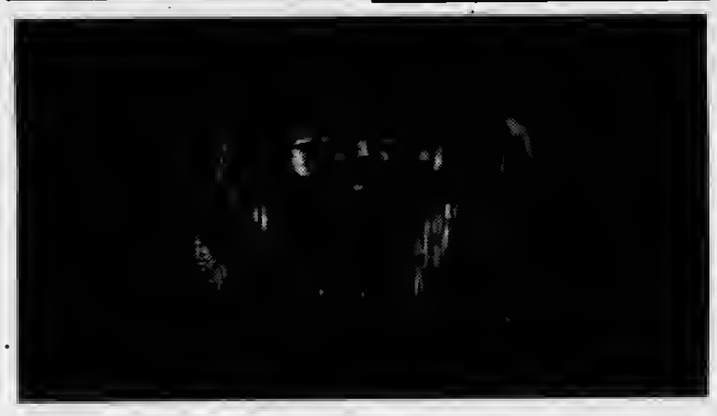

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Blue Island Senior News

by Les Catlin

The line of anxious visitors to the King Tut exhibit at the Museum are very vocal in the approval as they exit the display. No wonder, because the fantastic display of gold is what has caused many collectors to prize each and every piece of gold they own. And every piece of gold is the same gold that was discovered in 1922 by English archeologist Howard C. Carter.

Tut was the first of the romantic Kings who valued beauty more than treasure, so his tomb is full of artifacts prepared by his artisan in loving memory of this boy King. It is with amazement that it took so long for the tomb to be found.

So when you visit the display keep in mind that this was not stored as financial wealth, but as the mind set of a great Pharaoh who valued beauty above all else.

Blue Island Seniors will tour this exhibit at the museum on Sept. 13th. A bus trip and lunch will round out the day. Call the Blue Island Senior Office at 708-597-8608.

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Orland Knights

Super Bowl Champ Orland Knights announce 2006 game schedule

2005 Super Bowl champs, the Orland Knights Football and Cheerleading organization, announced their game schedule for the upcoming year.

The eight game season finds the Knights battling teams from Chicago to Indiana, traveling to contest the Hickory Hills Rebels, Mt. Greenwood Colts, Hegewisch Bulldogs, and Frankfort Square Wildcats.

The Knights will host the Blue Island Untouchables, Hayes Park (Burbank) Blitz, Worth-Ridge Panthers, and Palos Lightning at home games slated for John Humphrey Complex in Orland Park.

Perennial playoff contenders, the Knight's season is expected to once again extend into late November, culminating in another Super Bowl showdown.

For additional information on Orland Knights Football and Cheerleading, contact the Orland Knights Hotline at (708) 802-1408, or visit www.OrlandKnights.com <http://www.OrlandKnights.com>.

Tinley Park Library news

First Grade Fun

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Library will begin registration on Monday, June 12 for First grade Fun, a special readiness program for children who will be entering first grade this fall. The five-week program will provide an introduction to reading, language arts and math readiness skills. It will be done through children's literature and hands on learning experiences.

Classes will be held on Thursdays: June 22, June 29, July 6, July 13 and July 20 from 9:30-10:30am or 11am to 12 noon. For more information or to register call the Youth Services at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive

Ready Set Go

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Library will begin registration on Monday, June 12 for Ready Set Go to Kindergarten, a special readiness program for children who will be entering kindergarten this fall. The five week program, which is for 5 -year- olds who have not yet attended kindergarten, will introduce basic kindergarten concepts to help prepare them for school.

Classes will be held on Wednesdays: June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12 and July 19 from 9:30-10:30am or 11am to 12 noon. For more information or to register call the Youth Services at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive

Fumes of Mod Podge Auditions

The Youth Services Department of the Tinley Park Library will host auditions for actors in the original production "Fumes of Mod Podge" on Tuesday, June 20 at 5pm. High school students who enjoy improvisation, acting and writing are encouraged to attend.

For more details, including rehearsal dates, please inquire at the Youth Services Department at 708-532-0160 ex 2. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Collins' Mortgage fraud legislation signed into law

Springfield, IL - Legislation sponsored by State Senator Jacqueline Y. Collins (D-Chicago) has recently been signed by the Governor. Senate Bill 2349 targets illicit businesses called "mortgage rescuers" that fraudulently promise to "save homes" for individuals, but often charge a fee for providing no service or assume the deed to the home, evicting the original owner.

Senate Bill 2349 is the result of a Senate Financial Institutions Committee hearing last year on mortgage fraud convened by Senator Collins, the chair of the committee. During the hearing, the issue of "rescue fraud" was brought to the attention of the committee.

"During the hearings held by my committee last summer, I heard terrible stories about families forced out of their homes by unscrupulous bailout companies. I'm proud to have sponsored this important legislation to protect Illinois families," said Senator Collins.

The number of "mortgage rescuers" has grown as home foreclosures have risen in Illinois. These businesses are consistently targeting homeowners whose homes areat risk due to delinquent mortgage payments, foreclosure proceedings, or unpaid property taxes.

Illicit mortgage "rescuers" are known to run one of two deceptive scams at the expense of homeowners: purchasers offer to buy the home and sell it back to the owner when he or she is financially able to pay, or consultants offer their services in exchange for a fee. Often, homeowners are taken advantage of in both instances, either by way of paying the fee and receiving no service in return, or by the loss of their homes entirely after deeding it to the "rescuer" who gave a fraudulent promise to sell it back to them.

The bill requires "distressed property purchasers" to provide homeowners a written contract that lays out all of the terms of the sale and clearly states that the home is actually being sold, while it requires "distressed property consultants" to provide homeowners with a written contract spelling out all of the services to be performed.

"Finally, families won't have to worry about running scared to companies that may not be legitimate," said Collins. "All homeowners will now enjoy more security and peace of mind in getting help selling their homes when in financial trouble."

Collins said that real estate investors who are actually performing rescue jobs nobly are not affected by this legislation. With the Governor's signature, the law goes into effect immediately.

Oak Forest approves contract for streetscape project

by Matt Mayer

The city council approved a contract with Baxter and Woodman for streetscape engineering services at the May 23, Oak Forest City Council meeting. The selected locations are along the 159th Street and Cicero Ave. corridors. An ordinance to change a section of the zoning ordinance regarding the R-3 general residential district and a resolution request regarding the final plat for Norma's Park Avenue subdivision was also approved.

Mayor JoAnn Kelly announced the following mayoral appointments: Tracy Taylor, Donna Ritter for the Streetscape Committee and Heather Racine, Kerrin Butler, Lenny Kuspa, Julie Martin, Matt Miller, Molly Fitzsimon, Anna Howley, Megan Connolly, Shannon Luber, Hank Kuspa, Cathy Simos and Troy Weiss for the Youth Commission.

The week of May 14 was proclaimed National Services Week and the Oak Forest Warriors Club Tag Day will be June 24. The next meeting is June 13.

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See page 6 for Jacki Mari's Predictions!

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: Count your blessings! You are good looking, healthier than you think and the money you need is on the horizon. J or G aids.

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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: If the answers you get are always "no" then there is a reason for it. Look into it. Reason it out. Everything in life is "timing!"

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You should be meeting a new love soon. If already committed, say "no" and move on. This could be a renewed love too, M or A?

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Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

June 6, 2006=The dreaded 666

Well, folks, 6-6-06 is just another date on the calendar. Or is it? With Dan Brown's DaVinci materials seemingly so convincing, one can only assume that we might have something to worry about or guard ourselves against. Will the devil be loosed? Will evil take over the world? Numerology says "add 'em up to a single digit" and you get 6+6+6 which is first 18 then a 9. On the positive side in numerology #9 represents "endings," but endings to what? Perhaps it means endings to grief, to greed and sorrow. Maybe endings to corruption, war, poverty and health concerns. But, it is also thought that a child born on this day might be the evil one. These are not the Medieval times however, and people should stop and reason out how many prophesies have not come true about the "end of days" and evil "will collect" many souls on 6-6-06. Your own Faith will carry you through. Believe in your Creator, walk by those "still waters, unafraid" you see, evil needs your *permission* to corrupt your life. Evil has its restrictions too. **Alyn & Jacki**

Military Home News

Army Pfc. Bethany J. Paris has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. Paris is the daughter of Lawrence and stepdaughter of Janice Paris of S. 71st Court, Tinley Park, Ill. The private is a 2002 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill.

Don't forget to advertise in our July 5th edition by calling 708-423-9754!

Tinley Park's Crisis Center holds annual golf outing

The crisis center for South suburbia and their presenting sponsor MCZ Development Corp. will hold their Annual Golf and Dinner Outing on Tuesday, August 8 at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park.

Golfers begin with a continental breakfast followed by shot gun start at 9am. Cost for golf and dinner is $150 and golf only $100 and dinner only $50. Contact Janice at 708-429-7255 ex 26 to make reservations, or sponsorship opportunities. (They run from $150-$3000). This year's theme is "Surfin' USA".

The Crisis center is a nonprofit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for individuals and families victimized by domestic violence.

Acorn Public Library of Oak Forest news

Sign up for "Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales" Summer Reading Program 2006 beginning June 10! You will be entered in a raffle to win tickets to the Thunderbolts of the Shedd Aquarium.

Hoffman's Animal Kingdom Show is Saturday, June 10 at 2pm for all ages. Have you ever seen a macaw? How about a hedgehog? What about a boa constrictor? Probably not up close, and not at a library!

Come for the summer movie matinee on Thursday, June 15 at 1:30pm. Beat the heat by seeing space travelers' tour the galaxy, based on the book by Douglas Adams. For more details or to register call the Youth Services Desk at 708-687-3700.

On Saturday, June 17 at 2pm is "Charlotte's Web the Musical" This is for family fun and to discover the true meaning of friendship. It is presented by American eagle Productions. It is funded by a generous donation from the oak Forest Food-4-Less. Call the register!

The Acorn Public Library is located 15624 S Central Ave in Oak Forest.

Orland Park Theatre Troupe to Perform "Dirty Rotten Tricks"

Summer Show Addresses Age Old "Teen Paybacks"

ORLAND PARK, IL – High school is a time of dances, sporting events, prom, graduation, parties and more. It can also be a time of double crossing, thievery and the ultimate revenge.

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe, under the auspices of the Recreation and Parks Department, will perform "Dirty Rotten Tricks" June 9 through 11 at the Orland Park Civic Center, the William R. Vogel Memorial.

"Each summer, we offer a show geared toward teens and our high school population," said Orland Park Theatre Troupe Executive Producer Irene Buikema. "This particular show illustrates just part of the high school experience," Buikema said.

Written by R. Eugene Jackson, "Dirty Rotten Tricks" tells the tale of Trixie Mindstem and her plans to get even with the deceitful Mark Toppledander.

Orland Park Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow is directing this production with Ashley Herbold serving as assistant director.

"Our teen show always follows a theme of good triumphing over evil," Carnivele-Sidlow said. "I like to choose shows that offer a lesson, whether it's subliminal or jumps out at the audience," she added.

In an on-line interview, Playwright R. Eugene Jackson explained, "There is a feature in Cosmopolitan Magazine in which women explain how they were taken advantage of by men and what they did for revenge." "Readers vote on whether the response was appropriate or not. In one of the stories, a former fiancée was angered when her boyfriend later planned a wedding with another woman. I decided to apply that idea to a typical teen situation," he said.

Stephanie Owens, of Orland Park, portrays the protagonist Trixie Mindstem while Gabe Hoerger of Oak Forest is her nemesis, Mark Toppledander. Gina Burnett, also of Orland Park, is Trixie's sidekick, Quits.

Other Orland Park residents appearing in the show include Gianna Esposito, Alyssa Fralich, Joey Germino, Lauren Hagy, Sabrina Mangan, Christina Pacini, Jose Perez, Melanie Roehl, Michelle Sargis, Rich Struzik, Melissa Trentacoste, Bryce Valach, Krissi Witte and Stephanie Witte. The cast also includes Christina Flores (Tinley Park); Tony Palermo (Burbank); Alice Trull and Randy Trull (Bedford Park) and Jan Wittenmeyer (Oak Forest).

The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe will perform "Dirty Rotten Tricks," by R. Eugene Jackson, Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 11 at 2:00 p.m. Advance tickets are available at Orland Park's Loebe Recreation Center, 14650 South Ravinia Avenue. A limited number of tickets may be available at the door. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK.

Military News

Air Force Airman Kelley N. Cross has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Andrew Cross of Morning Cloak, Roscoe, Ill., and Kathy Crnich of W. 143rd St., Midlothian, Ill. Cross is a 2005 graduate of Oak Forest High School.

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Bill to create speed limit for parks

A bill sponsored by State Senor Ed Maloney (D-Chicago) that would create speed limits for parks when children are present has been signed into law.

The legislation would create speed limits adjacent to parks where children play, similar to the speed zones that already exist for schools.

"Children are safer at school from errant motorists because of school zones. They tend to frequent parks after school and on holidays when there is less adult supervision. This new law creates speed zones for parks and ultimately produces a safer pedestrian climate around parks," said Senator Maloney.

Governor Blagojevich signed the measure into law.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #177 elected their officers

The Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post #177, located in Chicago Ridge recently held an installation of officers' ceremony. Elected officers were recognized for the Post and it's Ladies and Mens Auxiliaries for 2006-2007.

Post Members Pictured: Top Picture- Top Row Dan Teoro, Stan Nasakaitis, John Swan, Ralph Buglio, John Nasakaitis (Quartmaster), and Carl Nelson. Botton Row-Robert Maton, Michael OShaughnessy (Jr. Vice Commander), Willard Bill Muth (Commander), Joseph Carvelli (Sr. Vice Commander), and Paul Lysik.

Ladies Auxiliary: Top Row-Ann Butler, Renee Murawski, Martha Fitzmaurice, and Glenn Grossman (Treasurer).

Bottom Row-Mildred Mathieu, Cathy Carvelli (Jr. Vice President), Kimberly Geisler (President), Jean Marietta (Past 3rd District President), and Catherine Mazzola.

Mens Auxiliary: Top Row-Richard Smith, Eric Silman, James Dawson, and Bruce Greinke (2005-2006 President).

Bottom Row-Fred Wolforth (Jr. Vice President), Albert Adamek, Tom Lysik (President), Roy Garret (Sr. vice President), and Dale (Jim) McCann (Treasurer).

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post 177 are always seeking new members. Please call Commander Willard (Bill) Muth at 708-636-3220.

Chicago Ridge Public Library presents Dads and donuts

Three to thirteen year old boys and girls are invited to bring their daads or another significant man in their lives on Saturday, June 10, 2006, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a program of stories,l donuts and kite making.

There will also be a book raffle. We'll supply everything you'll need to get your kite up in the air for a trial flight at nearby Freedom Park.

Registration required by phone or in person. Food permision slip required.

SSMMA elect Richton Park Mayor Reinbold president

South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association has elected Richton Park Mayor Rick Reinbold as its President for the 2006-07 year. He succeeds Riverdale Mayor Zenovia Evans and along with other elected officers assumes office June 15, 2006

Joining Mayor Reinbold for the 2006-07 are Vice President, Mayor Dan Podgorski of Lansing: Secretary, Mayor Al McCowan of University Park; Treasurer, Mayor Terry Wells of Phoenix: Cook County At-Large Delegate; Mayor JoAnn Kelly of Oak Forest; and Will County At-Large Delegate: Mayor Mike Einhorn of Crete.

In addition, the Management and Finance Committee has selected Flossmore Village Manager Bridget Wachtel to serve as the Manager's Representative to the Executive Committee.

Mayor Reinbold has served as Mayor of Richton Park since 2001 and also served as a Village Trustee from 1993-2001. He has been active in the Metropolitan Mayor caucus and chairs the Terrorism Task Force.

He has also been an active member of SSMMA's Legislative and Transportation Committees.

Worth approves tax levy for golf course

by Matt Mayer

A special meeting of the Worth Board of Trustees was held on May regarding the abatement of this year's property tax for Waters Edge Golf course. The board postponed this vote at the previous regular board meeting on May 16 so as Mayor Ed Guzdziol and village treasurer Joe Murray could meet with Founders Bank President Thomas Bugielski to inquire whether the village would be able to obtain another loan so a portion of the remaining balance could be applied to an existing $500,000 line-of-credit as opposed to levying the tax.

Gudziol and Murray both said due to the village debt, the village was unable to obtain a loan. Murray said of all the financial sources contacted, they all agreed that it would to the village's best interest not to abate the taxes and levy the tax; this would place the village in a better position for future borrowing.

The board approved the tax levy for the municipal golf course, which will result in an estimated $58 next year based on a home with an assessed valuation of $200,000.

Low cost microchip and rabies clinic

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and the Cook County Department of Animal and Rabies Control will hold two Rabies and Microchip Mobil Clinics during June in Commissioner Murphy's 6th district.

The low-cost rabies and microchip mobile clinics are available for all dogs, cats and ferrets of Cook County residents.

The first mobile clinic will be held on Tuesday, June 6th in the parking lot of the District Office of Commissioner Joan Murphy, located in the Playfield Plaza in Crestwood, 5405 W. 127th Street, (Route 83 and 127th Street) and will be available from 10:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

A second mobile clinic will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, in the parking lot of the Glenwood Plaza, near the Plaza Pet Shop, located at 18415 S. Halsted Street in Glenwood and will also run from 10:00a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Services will be offered on a first come first served basis. Pet owners must present a valid State I.D. or Drivers License. All services must be paid in cash only. The fee for services are:

- $7.00 for a 1 year rabies vaccination with Cook County rabies tag
- $21.00 for a 3 year rabies vaccination with Cook County rabies tag
- $10.00 microchip.

For public safety, all pets must be leashed or caged at all times.

If you would like to learn more information about this program, please contact the office of Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy at 708.389.2125.

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Gary Johanson, retired executive director for Smith Village — Photo by DeMitre

Smith Village dedicates new building

The 82 residents of Smith Village North, 2315 W. 112th Place, were the guests of honor when their new building was dedicated last month, signaling the completion of the first phase of a of a state-of-the-art $65 million senior living community, the biggest investment of its kind in Beverly history. When construction is completed next year, Smith Village will be Beverly's first continuing care retirement community. Shown unveiling a portrait of the late Mary Strandberg, who left her estate to Smith Senior Living, is Gary Johanson, retired Smith executive director who headed the community when she lived there. A wing of the new building now bears her name.

Evergreen Park Police promotions

by Matt Mayer

The June 5, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Mayor James Sexton congratulating John Eisenbeis, who was accepted to attend the FBI National Academy's 226 National Academy Session.

Sexton also complimented Police Chief Michael Saunders for an outstanding department and said the village has sent some 10-15 officers to the academy.

Sexton announced that the Zoning Board of Appeals would conduct a public hearing on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. regarding a variation of a section of the zoning code to permit the operation of a muffler and brake shop at 9307 S. Kedzie Ave.

In other business, the board approved an ordinance for the subdivision of property at 9857 S. Homan Ave for two new homes as well as an ordinance for the subdivision of property at 9301 S. Trumbull Ave for 3 new homes to be built on 42-foot lots.

The board approved the following businesses: New Beginnings Alterations, for clothing alterations at 3224 W 95th St, Suite 5; the relocation of Blinds By Nicolette, retail sales of window treatments at 3324 W. 95th St; Papa T's, pizzeria pick up and delivery at 3550 W. 95th St; Cavalini's Inc, retail sales of menswear and Unique Jewelers, retail sales of jewelry, accessories and watches at the Plaza.

Police Lieutenant Wayne Gutkowski was appointed Deputy Chief and Sergeant Peter Mc Carthy was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

The board concurred with the planning and zoning board of appeals for a front porch at 9623 S, Homan Ave. A request by Dr. Thomas Powell to block off the alleyway on June 30, between 4 p.m. and 11 p.m. for the annual Fourth of July parade was also approved.

The Independence Day Parade will be held on June 30 at 6:30.m.- fireworks will begin at approximately 8:00 p.m. Vehicle stickers are due and need to be affixed to windshields by June 30.

The Farmers Market commenced on June 1 and will continue each Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. until October 26.

Oak Lawn EMT'S received Outstanding Call of the Year Award

by Matt Mayer

The following Emergency Medical Technologist -Paramedics were honored at the June 13, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, Firefighters-Paramedics James Casper, Steve McKenna, Dan Roony and Mark Cesario, for receiving the Outstanding Call of the Year Award from Advocate Christ Medical Center Emergency Medical Services department. on June 6.

The crew responded to a call for an unconscious patient suffering anaphylactic shock reaction to medication and respiratory failure. This is the severest medical emergency allergy, according to the Gell and Coombs allergy classification. This severe and sometimes fatal systemic reaction is susceptible to individuals upon exposure to a specific antigen (such as wasp venom or penicillin), characterized especially by respiratory symptoms, fainting, itching, arcadia, sudden decline in blood pressure and swelling of the throat. This patient's throat was swollen shut

Intubation, which in medical terms is the placement of a tube used to denote tracheal intubation where a tracheal tube is passed through the mouth, through the larynx, and into the trachea. However this wasn't possible due to the patents throat being swollen shut. Fire chief Ed Folliard said. The crew then performed a needle cricothyrotomy, which is a 12 or 14 gauge cannula, a slender tube usually occupied by a solid shaft for strength - with a syringe attached - and is introduced through the cricothyroid membrane - until air can be aspirated. The cannula is then advanced off the need down the trachea. The hub of the cannula is then connected to an oxygen supply. A needle cricothyrotomy will ensure a supply of oxygen for a maximum of 10 minutes. This allowed the patient to receive oxygen, while the crew restarted the patient's heart, saving her life.

According to Fire Chief Ed Folliard, the doctors at Christ Hospital said they had never seen this procedure performed in the field. Division Chief and EMS Coordinator Peter Lombardi was also presented with the Nancy Pasieta Excellence in EMS Management Award. Mayor Dave Heilmann said their response to the call demonstrated their sprit of professionalism.

The life saving techniques and dedication to their skills as emergency medical professionals afforded the patient the best possible care. The crew received a standing ovation. There was no vote needed on this one.

See Page 6 for Jacki Mari's Predictions!

Oak Lawn Fire Department holds golf outing

The Oak Lawn Fire Department is hosting a golf outing on June 22 to help fund a Fire Safety Exhibit that they will be sponsoring at the Children's Museum's new location.

This event is being run by the fire department, so any questions should be directed to either Eric Horkavy (773) 612-0654 or Bob Lanz (708) 269-7144 of the Oak Lawn Fire Department. You can also contact them to make your reservations.

Here are the details: Thursday, June 22nd Shotgun Start at Noon Stony Creek Country Club 5830 W 103rd St. Oak Lawn $100 per person includes: Golf, Cart, Cookout Dinner and Open Bar Door prizes, 50/50 Raffle, and hole prizes. www.olfd3405.org

VFW helps veterans and their families

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge, IL will be holding a fund raiser on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wendy's Restaurant at 79th Street and Harlem Ave., Bridgeview.

Please come out and help the Post with this fund raiser, all proceeds go to help veterans, their families and community projects.

If you have any questions, please call 708-636-3220 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and ask for Pat.

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Congressman Dan Lipinski Garners Federal Funds For Local Transportation and Community Development Projects

WASHINGTON, DC - Today, the House of Representatives passed the Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill which includes over $1 million for critical transportation and infrastructure projects in Chicagoland totaling $1.05 million as requested by Congressman Dan Lipinski. Additionally, Congressman Lipinski offered an amendment to this bill that would have added $30 million to the Capital Grants Rail Line Relocation Program, which would enhance rail safety and alleviate rail congestion in Chicago. With Congressman Lipinski's support, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, passed by a vote of 406 to 22.

"These federal funds represent my continuing efforts to ensure that the taxpayers of the Third Congressional District get their fair share back from the federal government," explained Lipinski. "Should this bill become law, the $1,050,000 in federal funds will go towards important projects that will improve the quality of life in our communities."

The FY 2007 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill includes funding for the following projects requested by Lipinski:

· $550,000 for an intermodal transit facility, Berwyn

· $400,000 for Pace Suburban Bus Mobile Data Terminals

· $100,000 to continue construction of a community center serving the Archer Heights Community

The Senate has not yet voted on a FY 2007 Transportation, Treasury, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations bill, therefore the above figures have not been finalized and are subject to change.

Lipinski seeks funding for Rail Line improvement grants to aid communities

Lipinski Offers Amendment to Fund Rail Program at $30 Million

Washington D.C. - Today, Congressman Dan Lipinski offered an amendment to the Transportation-Treasury-HUD Appropriations bill. This bipartisan amendment would appropriate $30 million for the Capital Grants Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Program, a federal grants program that would invest in rail infrastructure by addressing congestion, safety, and quality of life issues, including the building of railroad underpasses and the creation of quiet zones.

"Railroads are a vital mode of transportation in the United States, and the federal government continues to severely under invest in our rail needs," said Lipinski during floor debate. "Railroads provide numerous public benefits, including efficient freight shipment, fuel conservation, pollution reduction, traffic congestion relief, and economic development."

"The Third District has great needs for rail improvements and these grants could provide a great assistance by building railroad underpasses, improving safety at crossings, and helping to implement quiet zones in our communities," said Lipinski.

Lipinski's amendment reflected bipartisan support from across the country and would provide much needed investment into local rail projects. During the debate today Rep. Lipinski said, "This money would be vital in funding projects that will not only help economic development and create jobs, but also alleviate adverse effects of rail traffic on our communities."

"With Chicago as our nation's premier transportation hub and the meeting point of many of America's major rail lines, investing in rail infrastructure makes sense for the Third District. It will improve our local economy, reduce our road congestion, and improve our overall quality of life."

"As I have discussed with Ranking Member Olver, this is an important program critical to improving rail infrastructure in this country. I will continue to work with the Ranking Member to see that this program gets included in Conference," said Lipinski.

Military Home News

Air Force Airman Alison P. Kintz has arrived for duty at Fort George G. Meade, Laurel, Md.

The airman is a signals intelligence analysis apprentice assigned to the 22nd Intelligence Squadron. She is the daughter of Robert Kintz of W. Victoria Crossing, Lockport, Ill., and Beverly Kintz of 160th St., Tinley Park, Ill.

Kintz is a 2005 graduate of Lockport Township High School.

Larry D. Winters has been promoted to the rank of airman first class in the U.S. Air Force. Winters, an aerospace physiology apprentice, is assigned to the 71st Flight Training Wing, Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla.

He has served in the military for one year. He is the son of Ben Winters of Railroad Ave., Georgetown, Miss., and Barbara Bostick of S. Sayre Ave., Chicago Ridge, Ill.

The airman is a 2002 graduate of Homewood Flossmore Community High School, Homewood, Ill.

Air Force Master Sgt. Michael C. Sroka has arrived for duty at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. Additionally, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who distinguish themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States in noncombat situations. Sroka, an analysis supervisor, is assigned to the 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron. He has served in the military for 23 years.

He is the son of Henry and Barbara Sroka of S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, Ill. The master sergeant is a 1981 graduate of Reavis High School, Burbank.

Air Force Airman Candice L. Edwards has arrived for duty at Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Mo. Edwards, a morale, welfare, recreation and services apprentice, is assigned to the 509th Services Squadron.

She is the daughter of Earnest Bryant of Winding Trail, Oak Forest, Ill., and Shirley Wright of E. 79th St., Chicago, Ill.

Her husband, Rashad, is the son of Judge Edwards of W. 70th St., and Ora Gee of S. Clark, both of Chicago.

Tim Kelly, Oak Lawn resident and Marine Reservist is the son of Janet Kelly, Oak Lawn. Tim is a graduate of St.Gerald School and Marist High School, attended University of Illinois, Champaign. Our prayers go with you for your safety in your unit.

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Students in grades 6,7 and 8 competed following the State Science standards and guidelines to hypothesize, experiment and chart results using Excel graphing techniques in the school's new Computer Lab.

The St. Louis de Montfort School is located in Oak Lawn at 8840 S. Ridgeland.

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Chicago Office of Special Events announces Film Fest

Opening this-years Chicago's Outdoor Film Fest is "Rebel without a Cause" on July 18th at 8:55pm. This is the 1950 film classic starring James Dean. Short films may precede some films.

Other film presentations are: "Bringing UP Baby" on July 25th at 8:45pm; "High Noon" on August 1 at 8:41pm, "American Graffiti" on August 8 at 8:32pm. "The Apartment" plays on August 15 at 8:22pm; Marlon Brando stars in "On the Waterfront" on August 22 at 8:11pm and the last film is "Feris Bueller's Day Off on August 29th.

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: So many things that are Beyond Logic have happened to you. Well here comes another week of BL. Write it down! S aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You simply can't escape the sudden urges to travel or at least get away from your everyday stresses. Try meditating. F aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: When things are going right, don't mess it all up with petty-changes. Remember, if it's not broken don't fix it! B and R involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You can be very abrupt with people, especially when they are stepping on your toes or ideas. This happens again. M aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Very possible new offers coming your way in real estate offers, jobs or anything that can mean more money. J helps.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: When you can't get your ideas through to others, stop, look & listen! You find new ways to communicate. M helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Sometimes answers to problems in life come to you in dreams, heard on the radio or read in columns like this. The answer is yes.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: When you put your desire into belief, it manifests itself for you. Just get out of your own way & let things happen.

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I'll be at Phyllis' Coffee Shop in Midlothian for Mini-Sessions July 10th from 7pm [appt or walk-in] & a round table discussion group on "things Paranormal" Wed July 12th at 7pm [call us for information or reservations]; Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] July 3rd & 17th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt].
Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers
Scammers

James B. of Oak Park asks, "can people learn to develop and use their own intuition or other powers we hear that we are all born with?" The answer to this is a resounding "yes!" But, the problems most people run into are the so-called teachers of the occult, who may be scam-artists, gurus and pretend-mediums. You find these people often operating in association with Psychic Fairs where they collect from the person they are talking to and then have to share their fee with the manager or promoter. It can be big business! Quite often they tell every third person the same things. Most have no background or skill in dealing with people and their needs. Jennifer of Tinley Park says, "my friends and I went to a Psychic who had a sign out on her lawn. She told each one of us, in a different way, that we were cursed but could end the curse by lighting candles at the cost of ( ) per candle. Two girls fell for it. The next cost of the candle burning was triple the first cost." This is what *I am talking about...Jacki Mari & Alyn*

Beyond Logic+

Copr. 2006 By Jacki Mari

"But...it was supposed to work!" Well, it didn't, even though all logic was in favour of it being a simple thing as it had been for thousands of others. I went to the dentist and had a root canal. First my eye swelled nearly shut, and then the rest of my face swelled up and I developed some pockets of thick fluid in my gums. I was told [of course] that I was the only one this ever happened to. I was sick to my very core. I lost sleep, and I lost business and could not be seen by my client's because I really looked really weird. But when taking everything that happened to me into consideration, this whole experience must surely be Beyond Logic! Alyn

It is logical that when something falls or drops, it falls or drops straight down from where it was, on a shelf, in a hand, etc., and not outward first and then down. Since R.J. moved into the house she is still in, things don't fall or drop straight down, they fall outward [sometimes 2-3 feet] before going down! Things seem to get slapped right out of her hands and she is often "pushed forward" by an unseen force.

...write to me about your own *Beyond Logic* experience.

It's Jacki Mari, P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. Attn: Beyond Logic

McAuley Awards Legacy Scholarships

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School recently awarded scholarships to legacy students entering their first year. Both the Tradition of Excellence Award and the Alumnae Faculty and Staff Scholarship are available to incoming freshmen daughters or granddaughters of graduates of St. Xavier Academy /Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High

The students are asked to write an essay about what a McAuley education means to them and members of the Alumnae Board chose the winning essays.

Through the Tradition of Excellence Award, the St. Xavier Academy/Mother McAuley Alumnae Association recognizes a family's commitment to a McAuley education and its tradition of excellence. Eligible students were required to write an essay on how a McAuley education benefited her mother and why she wants to continue the tradition. Essays were judged by a committee of the Alumnae Board. The twelve students chosen for this award are: Bridget Balsam (Orland Park), graduate of St. Michael School, Hanna Bowens (Chgo., Beverly), graduate of St. Barnabas School, Carly Caruso (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Germaine School, Andrea DeMoss (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Linus School, Kelly Haas (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), graduate of Queen of Martyrs, Katelyn Hayes (Oak Lawn) graduate of St. Catherine School, Kathleen Katsikeas (Lemont) graduate of St. Alphonsus, Tara McQuillan (Evergreen Park) graduate of St. Bernadette, Erin Murphy (Oak Lawn) graduate of St. Linus School, Courtney Snyder (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood) graduate of Mt. Greenwood School, Brittany Thomas (Chgo., Ashburn) graduate of Carroll/ Rosenwald School, and Paige Travis (Chgo., Beverly) graduate of Clissold School.

Demonstrating their commitment to continuing the tradition of excellence, McAuley alumnae faculty and staff have established three scholarships awarded to incoming freshman. Students were required to write an essay about the four top reasons they chose to attend McAuley. Melissa Boylan (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), graduate of Queen of Martyrs, Natalie Gannon (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Catherine of Alexandria and Maggie Shea (Evergreen Park) graduate of Most Holy Redeemer were presented these scholarship at their wards ceremony.

Retired Federal Employees hold meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) southwest Chicago, Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 10:30am in the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W 79th Street, Bridgeview, Illinois.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. They will have a speaker. For more information on NARFE, call president John Altar at 708-458-49990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at 708-599-1601.

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Local News

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Queen of Martyrs will be hosting Our Lady of the Millennium Statue which is 33 feet high and 8,400 pounds on July 9th through July 23 at 10233 S. Central Park.

Burbank Park District is taking a road trip to see the Cub take on the Brews at Miller Park. There are three different dates. They are Friday July 7, Saturday, July 8th and Sunday, July 9th. The cost is $45 per game which includes motor coach transportation and a ticket.

Don't forget the Burbank Park District's Annual Independence Day Celebration is on Saturday, July 1 from 4:30 until 10:30 p.m. at Ridgeland Park located on 77th & Narragansett Ave. Something for everyone including fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Smith to Address Phoebe's Place Senior

Garry Smith, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk of the 6th District, Markham, within the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Dorothy Brown, will speak before the Phoebe's Place Seniors, Wednesday, June 28, at 12:15 pm at Maple Park United Methodist Church, 1225 W. 117th St.

Mildred Shaifer, Coodinator, announce that Smith will discuss the workings of the Clerk's office and services provided for the Cook County residents.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Memories and Marriage Vows

kathywhirity@yahoo.com

Many months ago, when our eldest daughter became engaged, she made me promise not to focus future columns on her upcoming wedding. She's not all that fond of being the topic of conversation, in print.

I guess I can kind of see her point. I blew it right from the get go. When I wrote about the adventures of shopping for the perfect bridal gown, I happened to mention her dress size. Don't ask me what I was thinking - probably that I'd kill to be that size again! Well, she didn't appreciate the public declaration.

It also didn't help that I submitted an engagement announcement for publication in the newspaper. That caused her to accuse me of crossing the line. She said I should have asked her permission - I insisted it was my parental prerogative.

I think I've held up pretty well with my promise not to mention every memory that's been mine to cherish.

But, as the wedding day quickly approaches how can I *not* write about what's been in my heart for so many months? The butterflies are beginning to stir and the tears are just waiting to fall as I come to terms with what this all means to me emotionally.

In the months leading up to this special day my daughter and I have shared some good laughs, shed a few sentimental tears while pouring over photo albums, and, on occasion, came to blows when we disagreed on how some things should be handled.

As hard as it has been I've learned to just shut up and and let her call the shots when I knew something was especially important to her. And, as close as she is to walking down the aisle, it's not over yet. I'm sure there will be a few more arguments, a few more tears shed and loads of laughs as we look back on all this merry madness.

My very wise husband says it hasn't hit me yet. It probably won't dawn on this empty nester until the newlyweds are on their honeymoon.

Daughters get married everyday - nothing extraordinary about that. But, when it's your own, when you look back on all the memories that make up the journey that gets you to the church on time, your heart bursts with love, pride, and gratefulness for the gift of a darling daughter about to embark on life anew as a married woman.

All of these emotions remind me of a moment in the life of a little old lady that lived in a nursing home where I worked many years ago. It was over 30 years ago but I remember it as if it was yesterday. Her name was Agnes Ryan. She was a tiny lady with snow white hair and the spunk of a teen-ager.

She had been my patient that long ago Saturday afternoon, and one of my duties was to get her ready to attend a great-grand daughter's wedding.

Agnes was so excited it was hard not to get caught up in her joy and enthusiasm. As I wheeled her down the hallway she attracted the attention of everyone within her sight - insisting that everyone come along, and as we walked in the direction of the lobby, where her family waited to take her to the wedding, I'll never forget what she said - "Come be a part of this memory with me, it's what life is all about."

On June 24, 2006, at 5:15 in the evening, we will witness the marriage of our daughter, Jaime to her longtime love, Dan Farrell.

And, so it is, with the sentiment of a sweet little old lady named Agnes Ryan, I invite you all to come and be a part of the making of a memory; to share, with our family, this happy, joyful event.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There are no short cuts to any place worth going. (Beverly Sills.)

Little Company hosts Visitation

The International Tour of Our Lady of Gudalupe image visitation is to stop at Little Company of Mary Hospital on June 21 and 22, 2006. Manager of Pastoral Care, Deacon Rich Warfield, said "this is an amazing opportunity for LCM. Our Lady of Gudalupe is not only a religious icon, but a cultural one as well. We are excited to offer this opportunity for prayer and reflection to the community."

The image will be on display in the Hospital's Chapel at the start of the 3:30pm daily Mass on Wednesday, June 21 and will remain on display until after the 3:30pm Mass on Thursday, June 22. Both of the Masses will be held in honor of Our Lady of Gudalupe.

From noon to 2pm there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and private adoration on June 22. Candles are available for $4 donation.

The Missionary Image is an exact replica of the original miraculous image on display in the Tepeyac Shrine in Mexico where millions of pilgrims from around the world visit Her to pray. The Missionary Image began its journey in June 1991 and has visited more than 1000 parishes in every state in the United States, the Caribbean Islands, Canada, Mexico, Ireland, England, Europe, Russia, China, Japan, Israel, Australia, New Zealand and the Philippine Islands.

Many signs, wonders, conversions, healings, reconciliation and graces have been reported.

For further information, please contact Little Company of Mary Hospital and health Care Pastoral Care Department at 708-229-5480.

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HOPE Group of St. Linus meets

The HOPE Group a support group for those who have lost a loved one, will meet on June 18th 2006 at 6:30pm in the Friendship room of St. Linus rectory at 10300 S. Lawler in Oak Lawn.

The program is an informative session on Yoga. Denise Cholewa will talk about Yoga and Beyond.

Refreshments will be served, and guest are always welcome. Call Lucille at 708-423-6295 for more information.

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☆☆☆ **Saturday July 1st** ☆☆☆
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RIDES - Pay One Price (Twice) - 1pm to 6pm & 6pm to Closing - $15.00
FAMILY BEER GARDEN - Opens at 6pm - Johnny Star & the Meteors (50's & 60's) from 8pm to 11pm

☆☆☆ **Sunday July 2nd** ☆☆☆
Childrens Day - Noon thru 2:00pm
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RIDES - Pay One Price (TWICE) -1pm to 6pm & 6pm to Closing - $15.00
FAMILY BEER GARDEN - Opens at 2:00 pm Route 66 with the "Experiences" from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm

☆☆☆ **Monday July 3rd** ☆☆☆
RIDES - Pay One Price 5pm to Closing - $15.00
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Child Development Lab School has openings for summer fall

Year-round preschool provides nurturing environment for community

Chicago (June 16, 2006) – Saint Xavier University's Child Development Laboratory School still has positions open for summer and fall classes for children ages 3 to 5 years old.

The lab school provides a nurturing, safe environment that is child-directed, inquiry-based and play-centered. Located at the United Methodist Church of Mount Greenwood, 11000 S. St. Louis Ave, Chicago, the school offers full-day preschool services for children of the community as well as students, faculty, staff and alumni of Saint Xavier.

"We help teach children how to become lifelong learners by engaging them in the types of activities that foster relationships with others, providing hands-on exploration and following the children's own interests," said Kelly O'Brien, lab school director.

Open year-round, the lab school utilizes Creative Curriculum, a play-based developmentally appropriate plan of activities for preschool-aged children that focuses on the environment. Programs are available from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily with a choice of two-, three- or five-day schedules. A one-time annual registration fee of $35 is due with application.

For more information, please contact the Saint Xavier University Laboratory School at (773) 298-4344 or visit

Get your message here and see your results, call 708-423-9754.

Mothers McAuley breaks ground for new Catherine's garden project

To commemorate the anniversary of 50 years as Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School and 160 years of Mercy Education in Chicago, McAuley has undertaken a landscape renovation project for the front of the campus.

This "Catherine's Garden" project will span the front of the building located along 99th Street and include two brick gardens, brick and granite paths, beautiful plantings, lighting and seating.

The plan for the project is three-fold: to strengthen McAuley's Mercy and Catholic identity; to create a welcoming outdoor space for prayer and contemplation for students and community; and to raise funds for Financial Aid, the Learning Resource Program and Faculty/Staff Pensions.

With the support of generous donors who have helped underwrite the cost of creating Catherine's Garden, brick donations will go directly to these three significant needs. And, as an ongoing project, the Garden ensures they will have a long term revenue stream. Catherine's Garden offers donors a variety of ways to contribute to this important renovation.

Opportunities include engraved bricks available in either 7x8 or 8x14; engraved seating capstones placed in Mercy Circle and the Tribute Garden; tree and decorative lampposts with bronze dedication signs; as well as special areas within the garden that can be named in tribute or memory of an individual or family.

The Garden will also feature plaques displaying quotes by Catherine McAuley, foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, so students and visitors will be reminded of her living mission at Mother McAuley.

If you would like more information or would like to purchase a Catherine's Garden item, please contact Kathryn Heise, vice president for development, at 773-881-6557.

You may also visit our website at www.mothermcauley.org for information and to watch the progress of this exciting project.

Swing into summer and join the fun golfing

Mother McAuley's annual Golf Outing is on Friday, July 21, 2006 at Stony Creek Golf Course, 5860 W. 103rd Street, Oak Lawn.

The event is sponsored by the McAuley Alumnae Board. Proceeds from this event provide financial assistance to incoming McAuley legacy students. Last year, the Alumnae Board was able to award 12 scholarships based on the proceeds.

Tee times begin at 1 p.m. and include nine holes of golf. After golfing, stay and enjoy a delicious buffet and raffle at 5:30 p.m. Raffle tickets, available on-line at www.mothermcauley.org, are $5 each or 6 for $25.

Tickets for golf and buffet are $65, or you can join us for the buffet only for $25.

For information and tickets, please call the Mother McAuley Alumnae Office at 773-881-6565.

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Taste of Chicago returns to Grant Park on June 30-July 9

The many flavors of taste return to Grant Park 2000 Taste of Chicago, June 30-July 9 with many flavors of free entertainment. Appearing on stage at the Petrillo Music Shell are The O'Jays on June 30, On July 1 and 2 Glen Campbell (3pm) and Jo Dee Messina (2pm) are presented in the 16th Annual Country Music Festival.

The famous Budweiser Clydesdale eight-horse team will delight crowds June 30-July 2 at the Buckingham Fountain plaza. The Dominick's Cooking Corner is filled with secrets of great kitchens as chefs from various restaurants create their masterpieces.

The farmer's Market Day is Wednesday, July 5 at the Taste Showcase Parvilion at Buckingham Fountain.

On July 7 Taste of Chicago hosts "Broadway in Chicago" with musical selections from 'Wicked ' and 'Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee' at noon, 2, 4 and 6pm. Taste of Chicago is about food! Over 300 menu items from more then 60 restaurants will be there. It opens every day at 11am and closes at 9pm.

Public transportation is encouraged! Take RTA, CTA, PACE and Metra!

Mt. Greenwood Garden Walk

The Mount Greenwood Garden Club will hold their annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 25th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m., featuring 7 garden to view.

Tickets are $7, which includes a map to each garden. This years walk includes some award winning gardens a roof top garden, a Koi pond, a relaxing stream, and much more. Bring this information to UnReal at 3514 W. 111th St. and you will receive 10% of your store purchases.

Bleekers will hold Sox Trophy visit

Continuing the celebration of the Chicago White Sox World Series Championship, the White Sox and U.S. Cellular are bringing the 2005 World Series trophy to Evergreen Park.

This visit is part of a 45 city tour across Illinois and Northwest Indiana making a least 100 appearances at U.S. Cellular stores and other public venues along the way.

A suggested $10 cash donation, which will benefit Chicago White Sox Charities and the United Way, is requested for all visitors wishing to have their photo taken with the trophy.

Fans will need to provide their own cameras to take advantage of this photo opportunity.

This event will take place at Bleeker Bowl, 3449 W. 95th Street, Evergreen Park on June 30 between 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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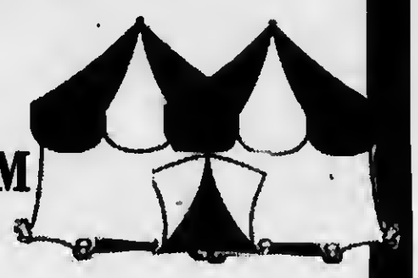

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Chicago Children's Theatre announces 2006-07 season

Three productions that promise to inspire courage, adventure and curiosity in young people are featured in Chicago Children's Theatre Inaugural Season. The Inaugural Production of ' A Year with Frog and Toad' was overwhelmingly well received by the children of Chicago families.

To kick off the season, Chicago Children's Theatre is producing Ray Bradbury's theatrical adaptation of his novel 'Dandelion Wine,' in the Steppenwolf Upstairs Theatre in November 206. It is a magical story of childhood in Illinois. It is recommended for children over 9.

Its second production, Chicago Children's Theatre, hosts the international skating sensation, 4-ISH at Harris Theatre for Music and Dance in January 2007. Describes as STOMP on skates, the multimedia spectacular will hold the entire family with its pulse-racing blend of hip-hop, in-line-skating, movement and dance. It is recommended for children over 7. As part of the event, Chicago Children's Theatre is offering the unique ISH Institute, an educational program for at risk youth.

The third production of Chicago Children's Theatre is 'Honus and Me', based on a book by Dan Gutman's. The production will be stages at Goodman Theatre in the Owen in July 2007. It is recommended for children over 7.

Chicago Children's Theatre is deeply flattered that the events will be hosted by the three Chicago's premiere arts organizations and look forward to working in the best established venues of the city.

Individual tickets will go on sale on a date to be announced. For group sales call 877-4-GRP-TIX.

Chicago premieres "The Big Bang"

The Big Bang, a madcapped, two-man musical tour of history, with music by Jed Feuer and book/lyrics by Boyd Graham will get its Chicago Premiere in the new Chicago Theatre Downstairs, 175 N. State for a limited seven-weekend engagement, July 7-August 20, 2006.

The Big Bang is pure entertainment staged as a backer's audition for an $83.5 million, twelve-hour musical staging of the history of the world. Jed and Boyd try to raise support, and 'dough' for the most historically expensive, show ever conceived. They sing and clown their way from creation to the present in a record of 90 minutes.

The Big Bang premiered off-Broadway in 2000 and since has gone on to over 20 cities across the United States. Performances are Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 6 and 9pm and Sunday at 3pm. Additional performances are July 11,12 and 13at 7:30pm. Tickets are $37.50 and are now on sale and the Chicago theatre box office or any Ticketmaster Ticket Center.

With this production, Chicago audiences will have the opportunity to preview the brand new 250-seat Chicago Theatre Downstairs, prior to its official Grand opening engagement Shear Madness, beginning September 18. Tickets are $42.50 at the box office.

Columbia announces 33rd season of dance

Important international artists, including Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan, with an American premiere at the Harris Theatre, highlight the Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago's 33rd season. Other artist performing at The Dance Center's home.

Subscriptions and tickets go on sale July 5, 2006. Tickets are $22-$26 in general. For more information call 312-344-8300 or visit the web at www.dancecenter.org.

Fiesta at St. Christopher held in Midlothian

St. Christopher's Parish will present their annual Fiesta 2006 on Wednesday, July 19 through Sunday, July 23 at 147th and Kedzie in Midlothian. Rides, foods, and live entertainment will be featured nightly and provide fun for all ages.

The St. Christopher Fiesta Mega Wristband is available at the Parish Office for $50 per pass. It allows children to enjoy all the carnival rides during the five-day festival. The last day to buy the band is July 16th. They also can be bought on the web at www STCHRISFIESTA.COM. Scheduled rides are posted on the website.

This year will feature 'Crafter's corner' a variety of craft items. There will be a Las Vegas Night. Food vendors will be on site and provide an increased variety of foods.

Nightly entertainment, dance shows, animal demonstrations and other exciting events are planned.

Photo; The Chosen Ones, Southern Gospel Recording Artist

Chosen Ones appear at Emmanuel Church in Burbank

The Chosen Ones, Southern Gospel Recording Artist will be appearing in concert at Emmanuel Church, 83rd and Normandy Avenue in Burbank on Friday, June 23 at 7:30pm.

The Chosen Ones, Southern Gospel Recording Artist, are from Manchester, IL. They blend together two generations of close family harmony as they present Gospel in song. Dating back to 1974,The Chosen Ones have traveled across America sharing through the media of TV, radio and personal appearances.

With The Chosen Ones wide variety of Progressive Southern Gospel music, one will find their ministry very encouraging to hearts of young and old.

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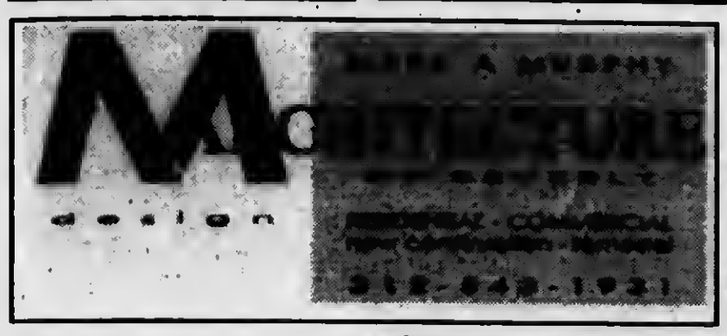

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Oak Forest eliminates environmental control commission

by Matt Mayer

The Oak Forest City Council approved an ordinance at the June 3 City Council meeting to amend the municipal code to eliminate the Environmental Control Commission and add the role of coordinating the beautification awards program to the Streetscape Advisory Council. An ordinance for the 2006 prevailing wage ordinance was also approved however no figures were disclosed.

The city council also approved an ordinance to amend the municipal code for the order of council business as well as an ordinance between the city and the Oak Fest Commission-no details were disclosed.

In other businesses, the city council approved an ordinance to amend the municipal code to restructure the police department to add part-time police officer positions as well as a amendment to the city code to recapture the expense and cost of providing water meters to the city's water consumers. The city council approved the following contracts: SKC Construction, Inc for the 2006 crack sealing project contract; Midwest Meter/Flow Metrix, Inc for the Hexagram/MLOG water leak detection system; Malecky Builders for the 171st St roadway improvements and Baxter Woodman for engineering and design of the main pumping/booster station generator-no figures were disclosed. The next meeting is June 20.

Tinley Park Library news

The Youth Services Department will hold 'Someday We'll All Be Action Figures on June 20th from 7-8:30pm. This is the impromptu teen improv group. No registration is required.

The Teddy Bear Picnic is on Friday, June 23 from 11am-12 noon for children 2-4 and parent or guardian. They will enjoy stories and games. Bring a bag lunch, juice will be provided. Register from June 19.

Author, Melissa Fraterrigo, will speak at the library on her book, "The Longest Pregnancy" and writing career on Wednesday, June 21 at 7pm. Call to register at 708-532-0160.

The Tinley Park Library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

City of Oak Forest First in State of Illinois to implement City-wide water distribution leak detection system

Oak Forest, IL – Public Works Director Troy Ishler announced today that Mayor JoAnn Kelly and the City Council have approved a new city-wide water leak detection system called MLOG by Flowmetrix of Maynard, MA. The Oak Forest Water Department will soon be able to automatically find hidden underground water leaks during the night, while residents sleep.

The MLOG leak-detection sensors will be attached to water pipes in 750 locations across the city. Pronounced em-log, MLOG's are stand-alone battery powered units that contain both a sensor and a small computer, says Director of Public Works Troy Ishler. "The sensors wake up and record vibrations for a four hour period of time in the quietest part of the night." The readings from several units can localize leaks to a one block area. Public Works water plant operators will then be dispatched to pinpoint the location using a digital correlation unit to within a few feet.

Oak Forest is building upon the research of one the largest water service providers in North America, American Water. American Water serves more than 18 million people in 29 states and three Canadian provinces. Research conducted by American Water is now proving that utilities can detect, find and stop water leaks long before big problems bubble up in the streets.

A pilot study conducted by American Water in Connellsville, PA found numerous leaks through the MLOG sensors which would have never been discovered before because of where they were located. Connellsville is estimating that since implementation of the MLOG system that it is saving approximately 350,000 gallons a day. According to Ken Moore, Chicago area representative for Midwest Meter, "Due to the success of the pilot study, American Water is requiring the use of the MLOG system in the areas it serves in the state of New Jersey. They have tested MLOG and will fully deploy it as they change-out more than 600,000 water meters across the state."

Public Works Director Troy Ishler hopes to realize a similar level of success – "The new MLOG leak detection system coupled with our water meter change-out program will greatly improve service while plugging leaks and cutting losses."

The City of Oak Forest is continuing to improve water systems operations and the accountability of the Public Works Department. In May 2006, the department began utilizing CarteGraph's Work Director and Call Director software to computerize resident requests, generate work orders, and track and improve service quality.

Recent capital projects include the new 159th Street sanitary sewer lift station, a new city-wide SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system to monitor and control the potable water distribution system and the sanitary and storm water pumping stations, and four new variable frequency drives and improvements in standby electrical power at City's main pumping station.

Additional water system capital projects slated during 2006 include upgrades to the backup generation power for the water distribution systems pumping stations, and painting of two the City's water towers. Both a complete city-wide water distribution system study and a sanitary sewer system study is nearing completion according to Steven Amann of Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers.

$3.1 Million ComEd Projects to Add Capacity, Improve Reliability
In Growing Mokena/Orland Park/Palos Heights Area

Orland Park, Ill. (May 10, 2006) – To meet growing electrical demand in Mokena, Orland Park and Palos Heights, ComEd is nearing completion of two projects totaling $3.1 million to provide new distribution capacity and maintain system reliability for area customers.

The projects consist of expanding local electrical capacity by installing a new distribution line and extending another one. The new four-mile line is being installed along 191st Street in Mokena, adjacent to an existing ComEd transmission line between 191st Street to 183rd Street in Orland Park. The line will increase local capacity by eight megawatts and serve about 1,500 residential and commercial customers in Orland Park and Mokena.

The other line extends for three-quarters of a mile west from LaGrange Road along 131st Street. It will increase local capacity by 7.5 megawatts and serve up to 2,500 residential and commercial customers in Orland Park, Palos Heights and Palos Park. Both lines will be completed by the end of this month and will reduce the number and duration of local outages – especially during peak summer usage periods.

"Investing in our system to meet demand in growing communities is an important way we fulfill our commitment to keep the lights on and provide reliable service," said John Costello, ComEd's executive vice-president and chief operating officer. "Our customers depend on us to deliver power when they need it most. This and other projects will help us do just that."

Since 2001, ComEd has invested more than $3 billion to expand, upgrade and maintain the reliability of its system serving the company's 3.7 million customers in Northern Illinois.

In addition to infrastructure investments, the company performs regular maintenance work to ensure reliable electricity supply, such as vegetation maintenance to free electrical lines from interference, system engineering to achieve optimal equipment operations, and regular visual inspections of above ground electrical lines.

Jacki Mari

*Num*Astrology

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for June 20th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find Numi, Beyond Logic & this column online in TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy Birthday Karen V and other Gemini Born people.

Help me Network this column-Telafriend

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: So many things that are Beyond Logic have happened to you. Well here comes another week of BL. Write it down! S aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You simply can't escape the sudden urges to travel or at least get away from your everyday stresses. Try meditating. F aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: When things are going right, don't mess it all up with petty-changes. Remember, if it's not broken don't fix it! B and R involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You can be very abrupt with people, especially when they are stepping on your toes or ideas. This happens again. M aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Very possible new offers coming your way in real estate offers, jobs or anything that can mean more money. J helps.

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Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Sometimes answers to problems in life come to you in dreams, heard on the radio or read in columns like this. The answer is yes.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: When you put your desire into belief, it manifests itself for you. Just get out of your own way & let things happen.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Read the above message & add this: you have a gift of "intuitive reasoning" & ean look into the future too. J., M & R help you.

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I'll be at Phyllis' Coffee Shop in Midlothian for Mini-Sessions July 10th from 7pm [appt or walk-in] & a round table discussion group on "things Paranormal" Wed July 12th at 7pm [call us for information or reservations]; Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] July 3rd & 17th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt].

Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers

Scammers

James B. of Oak Park asks, "can people learn to develop and use their own intuition or other powers we hear that we are all born with?" The answer to this is a resounding "yes!" But, the problems most people run into are the so-called teachers of the occult, who may be scam-artists, gurus and pretend-mediums. You find these people often operating in association with Psychic Fairs where they collect from the person they are talking to and then have to share their fee with the manager or promoter. It can be big business! Quite often they tell every third person the same things. Most have no background or skill in dealing with people and their needs. Jennifer of Tinley Park says, "my friends and I went to a Psychic who had a sign out on her lawn. She told each one of us, in a different way, that we were cursed but could end the curse by lighting candles at the cost of ( ) per candle. Two girls fell for it. The next cost of the candle burning was triple the first cost." This is what *I am talking about... Jacki Mari & Alyn*

Beyond Logic+

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"But...it was supposed to work!" Well, it didn't, even though all logic was in favour of it being a simple thing as it had been for thousands of others. I went to the dentist and had a root canal. First my eye swelled nearly shut, and then the rest of my face swelled up and I developed some pockets of thick fluid in my gums. I was told [of course] that I was the only one this ever happened to. I was sick to my very core. I lost sleep, and I lost business and could not be seen by my client's because I really looked really weird. But when taking everything that happened to me into consideration, this whole experience must surely be Beyond Logic! Alyn

It is logical that when something falls or drops, it falls or drops straight down from where it was, on a shelf, in a hand, etc., and not outward first and then down. Since R.J. moved into the house she is still in, things don't fall or drop straight down, they fall outward [sometimes 2-3 feet] before going down! Things seem to get slapped right out of her hands and she is often "pushed forward" by an unseen force.

...write to me about your own *Beyond Logic* experience.

It's Jacki Mari, P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. Attn: Beyond Logic

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ticipants will learn important fundamental skills or can brush up on existing skills in throwing, catching, infield, outfield, base running, sliding, hitting and basic pitching skills. The resident fee for the camp is $45 and for non-residents $67. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200

Diamond in the the rough softball camp

Tinley Park, Illinois, June 13, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District is offering a "Diamond in the Rough" fast pitch softball skills camp for kids age 8-13.

The camp begins July 10 and runs through July 14 from 8:30 – 10:30 am each day at McCarthy Park, 16801 S. 80th Avenue Par-

About the Tinley Park Park District

The Tinley Park-Park District maintains over 400 acres of park lands and recreation facilities including its state of the art Bettenhausen Recreation Center, a full-service Fitness Center, and over 39 community park locations. The Tinley Park-Park District was established in 1967.

Retired Federal Employees hold meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) southwest Chicago, Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 10:30am in the bridgevview Public Library, 7840 W 79th Street, Bridgeview, Illinois.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. They will have a speaker. For more information on NARFE, call president John Altar at 708-458-49990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at 708-599-1601.

Hospital tidbits

by Annette Dixon

Please mark you calendar for Sunday July 9, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. for the Guillain Barre Syndrome Support Group at Marianjoy Rehab Hospital. The address is 26W171 Roosevelt Rd. in Wheaton. WGN's Tom Petersen will be hosting the meeting. Guest speaker, Julia Glendenning, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee with a Master in Physical Therapy and is currently working with Neuromuscular program at Marianjoy.

The Rehab Hospital is located on the south side of Roosevelt Rd. about a mile west of Naperville Rd and each of County Farm Road. The meeting will be held in the boardroom. Please contact Char to confirm your attendance at 630-279-8122.

Hospital Announcements

Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers are plesed to announce the association of Paul Y. Song, M.D. and Neil Hehta, M.D. wiht its highly experience Cancer Center.

Dr. Song joins Little Company from the Center of Prostate Disease Research at Walte Reed Army Medical Center where he was the chief of the brachytherapy service. He was named one of the top doctors in Washington, D.C. by both Washington magazine and Consumer Checkbook. Dr.

Dr. Mehta joins Little Company from the University of Chicago where he was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology. At attended Rush University College of medicine and also competed his residency at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

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Worth residents voice anger over TIF

by Matt Mayer

Emotions ran high at the public meeting for the proposed 111th Street /Tollroad Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. The standing room only crowd in the village chambers overflowed into the hallway, down the outside staircase and outside into the parking lot. Beth Ruyle of Ehlers and Associates of Warrenville, the company the village hired to do the TIF eligibility study, outlined the study results, which determined that the village meets the blighted eligibility requirements for the creation of a TIF district.

At a December 2005 village board meeting, the board voted to commence with the formal TIF eligibility process. The focal point, which prompted the TIF eligibility study, was the abandoned Paul's Pluming Supply building at 111th and Ridgeland Ave.- this is the boundary to the east. In April the board expanded the boundaries, which includes a small portion of homes. The remainder of the TIF district is roughly bounded by 112th to the south, which includes a condominium building as well as a park and other property.

The boundary to the west is I-294. The north is bounded slightly north of 111th Street and includes some additional businesses including Krapil's Steak House. The total bounded area is some 16 acres. State law requires that a public hearing must be held before a TIF district can be established. A TIF district uses tax revenue to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

Mailings sent to resident's homes by opponents of the redevelopment plan angered homeowners who demanded that no homes be sacrificed for this project. "I don't know who putting this stuff out," Guzdiziol said. "I'm the guy, that's been going around - my name and phone number is on 90 percent of this stuff," said avid opponent Jack Mc Garth. Residents also asked whether the village would evoke eminent domain. "We're not out to bulldoze homes," Guzdziol said. "Alsip did it," Mc Garth bellowed.

Trustee Kevin Warner said, "We have some bad news here people - we have some real economic problems in this town - we're broke, people and I support the mayor in this project. This TIF project is absolutely essential for economic growth." Fielding repeated concerns of residents losing their homes. "We're not going to bulldoze houses - we're not going after any residential property. We're not trying to take anyone's home. No one on this board is interested in taking people's homes, but if we're going to be on equal footing with other communities, such as Oak Lawn, it's the only way to compete." Guzdziol said. One resident asked, "What happens if there is a different board."

Chicago Ridge CVS presentation

by Matt Mayer

At the June 6, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustee meeting, CVS representative, Lee Winter, outlined a proposed building at the southwest corner of 111th St. and Central. Construction on the building is slated to begin in November 2007 and the store is slated for completion by June 2008.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of the Hawkinson Ford new car storage property in the industrial park as well as the acceptance of a TSC contract not to exceed $5,500 for four borings samples of the lot for an updated environmental evaluation. Negotiations have begun to possibly house the new fire station on the property.

Mr. Roche has been cited to clean up his property over some eight years and has failed to comply. He is continuing to rent space to unlicensed vehicles. Roche attended a village board meeting approximately one month ago and set his own deadline of June 1 for compliance. At such time village officials said that if he didn't comply, he would be cited. Police Chief Tim Baldermann has been checking the property and Roche has received some 30 citations, averaging a daily cost of $250.

Roche continues to operate the property without a business license and the board directed Baldermann to shut down the business until Roche has complied with all codes and the fire, police and building departments complete and approve their inspections. Village engineer Chris Burke also stated that there has been no grading and blacktopping done. There are old tires, leaking oil, which possess environmental protection agency 9 EP violations.

A public works request to hire part time summer help was approved as well as a landscape trailer for $2,000. A request to purchase two weed whips for $539.90 was also approved.

The board approved the following business license requests: Hi-Tech Auto Clinic at 10127 S. Harlem Ave. law office of Mona Naser and Harlem Realty Group at 10139 S. Harlem Ave; Triple Transportation at 9982 Anderson-Unit A, E. R. Defoggio and Sam Plumbing at 5712 W. 111th St and Torrid at the Mall. A request to pay paid-on-call firefighters Muntz, Estes, Hide, Hardel, Eklund, Aguirre and Balson was approved. A police department request to hire two part time officers and Hank Dropkowski, who received the oath of office as a full time officer was also approved. This is lateral move for Dropkowski, who was formerly with the Posen police department. The next meeting is June 30.

Don Mahoney,(Secretary); Bob Mersch of Palos Park, President IBEW Retirees Local 134 and Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien of MWRD of Greater Chicago

Cancer Survivor Recognition and Luminaria Ceremony

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Palos will be on June 23rd and 24th. The participants of this team event raise money to fight cancer and increase awareness of the disease. The Relay For Life event, Cancer Survivors Walk and reception and Luminaria Ceremony will be held at Peace Memorial Church at 10300 W. 131st Street, Palos Park. For more information on Relay For Life, contact your local American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

June 23rd at 6pm – Cancer Survivor Recognition: Cancer survivors from the

Palos area are invited to walk the first lap of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event to celebrate life. The event and survivors lap will be held at Peace Memorial Church. Each cancer survivor will receive t shirt and pin to wear while walking the track and is invited to a reception after the walk. There is no cost to participate, and cancer survivors should call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org to register. Families and friends are welcome to attend.

June 23rd at 9pm – Luminaria Ceremony:

The American Cancer Society will conduct the Luminaria Ceremony to recognize those touched by cancer in Palos area.

Individuals or companies can make contributions in memory of those who have lost their fight with cancer and in honor of those who have survived or are still fighting. Each will be recognized by a lit luminaria candle, displayed at the Relay For Life event held at Peace Memorial Church.

Luminaria contributions can be made by calling your American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

President O'Brien addresses IBEW Retirees, Local 134

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago spoke before the IBEW Retirees, Local 134 at Union Headquarters in Chicago.

President O'Brien is a graduate of Loyola Academy in Wilmette and earned his BA degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Judiciary and Real Esatate development Committees and Vice Chairman of the Federal Legislation and Municipalities Committees.

Bob Mersch, President IBEW Retirees Local 134 resides in Palos Park.

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*Num*Astrology & You

Copr. 2006
by
Jacki Mari & Alyn

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for June 20th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find Numi, Beyond Logic & this column online in TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy Birthday Karen V and other Gemini Born people.
Help me Network this column-Telafriend

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: So many things that are Beyond Logic have happened to you. Well here comes another week of BL. Write it down! S aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: You simply can't escape the sudden urges to travel or at least get away from your everyday stresses. Try meditating. F aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: When things are going right, don't mess it all up with petty-changes. Remember, if it's not broken don't fix it! B and R involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You can be very abrupt with people, especially when they are stepping on your toes or ideas. This happens again. M aids.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Very possible new offers coming your way in real estate offers, jobs or anything that can mean more money. J helps.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: When you can't get your ideas through to others, stop, look & listen! You find new ways to communicate. M helps.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Sometimes answers to problems in life come to you in dreams, heard on the radio or read in columns like this. The answer is yes.

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: When you put your desire into belief, it manifests itself for you. Just get out of your own way & let things happen.

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Read the above message & add this: you have a gift of "intuitive reasoning" & can look into the future too. J., M & R help you.

Ask about my Regular Psychic Services [office & by phone], Hypnotherapy, Psychic Counseling & self-help tapes. Call 708-597-5866. Try ePSYCHICanswers for 1 or 2 questions online [JackiMari.Com]. Psychic House Parties [5-9/hostess free].
I'll be at Phyllis' Coffee Shop in Midlothian for Mini-Sessions July 10th from 7pm [appt or walk-in] & a round table discussion group on "things Paranormal" Wed July 12th at 7pm [call us for information or reservations]; Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] July 3rd & 17th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt].
Psychic Insights Questions and Psychic Answers
Scammers

James B. of Oak Park asks, "can people learn to develop and use their own intuition or other powers we hear that we are all born with?" The answer to this is a resounding "yes!" But, the problems most people run into are the so-called teachers of the occult, who may be scam-artists, gurus and pretend-mediums. You find these people often operating in association with Psychic Fairs where they collect from the person they are talking to and then have to share their fee with the manager or promoter. It can be big business! Quite often they tell every third person the same things. Most have no background or skill in dealing with people and their needs. Jennifer of Tinley Park says, "my friends and I went to a Psychic who had a sign out on her lawn. She told each one of us, in a different way, that we were cursed but could end the curse by lighting candles at the cost of ( ) per candle. Two girls fell for it. The next cost of the candle burning was triple the first cost." This is what *I am talking about...Jacki Mari & Alyn*

Beyond Logic+

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"But...it was supposed to work!" Well, it didn't, even though all logic was in favour of it being a simple thing as it had been for thousands of others. I went to the dentist and had a root canal. First my eye swelled nearly shut, and then the rest of my face swelled up and I developed some pockets of thick fluid in my gums. I was told [of course] that I was the only one this ever happened to. I was sick to my very core. I lost sleep, and I lost business and could not be seen by my client's because I really looked really weird. But when taking everything that happened to me into consideration, this whole experience must surely be Beyond Logic! Alyn

It is logical that when something falls or drops, it falls or drops straight down from where it was, on a shelf, in a hand, etc., and not outward first and then down. Since R.J. moved into the house she is still in, things don't fall or drop straight down, they fall outward [sometimes 2-3 feet] before going down! Things seem to get slapped right out of her hands and she is often "pushed forward" by an unseen force.

...write to me about your own *Beyond Logic* experience.

It's Jacki Mari, P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. Attn: Beyond Logic

McAuley Awards Legacy Scholarships

Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School recently awarded scholarships to legacy students entering their first year. Both the Tradition of Excellence Award and the Alumnae Faculty and Staff Scholarship are available to incoming freshmen daughters or granddaughters of graduates of St. Xavier Academy /Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High

The students are asked to write an essay about what a McAuley education means to them and members of the Alumnae Board chose the winning essays.

Through the Tradition of Excellence Award, the St. Xavier Academy/Mother McAuley Alumnae Association recognizes a family's commitment to a McAuley education and its tradition of excellence. Eligible students were required to write an essay on how a McAuley education benefited her mother and why she wants to continue the tradition. Essays were judged by a committee of the Alumnae Board. The twelve students chosen for this award are: Bridget Balsam (Orland Park), graduate of St. Michael School, Hanna Bowens (Chgo., Beverly), graduate of St. Barnabas School, Carly Caruso (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Germaine School, Andrea DeMoss (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Linus School, Kelly Haas (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), graduate of Queen of Martyrs, Katelyn Hayes (Oak Lawn) graduate of St. Catherine School, Kathleen Katsikeas (Lemont) graduate of St. Alphonsus, Tara McQuillan (Evergreen Park) graduate of St. Bernadette, Erin Murphy (Oak Lawn) graduate of St. Linus School, Courtney Snyder (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood) graduate of Mt. Greenwood School, Brittany Thomas (Chgo., Ashburn) graduate of Carroll/ Rosenwald School, and Paige Travis (Chgo., Beverly) graduate of Clissold School.

Demonstrating their commitment to continuing the tradition of excellence, McAuley alumnae faculty and staff have established three scholarships awarded to incoming freshman. Students were required to write an essay about the four top reasons they chose to attend McAuley. Melissa Boylan (Chgo., Mt. Greenwood), graduate of Queen of Martyrs, Natalie Gannon (Oak Lawn), graduate of St. Catherine of Alexandria and Maggie Shea (Evergreen Park) graduate of Most Holy Redeemer were presented these scholarship at their wards ceremony.

Retired Federal Employees hold meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) southwest Chicago, Metro Chapter 1106 will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at 10:30am in the Bridgeview Public Library, 7840 W 79th Street, Bridgeview, Illinois.

NARFE accepts all current federal employees, federal retirees, their spouses and survivors into membership. The chapter covers the southwest side of Chicago and many of the suburbs north and south of I-55.

At the meeting, members are given the latest updates on legislation that affects the federal employee and retiree community. They will have a speaker. For more information on NARFE, call president John Altar at 708-458-49990 or secretary Cathy Siciliano at 708-599-1601.

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Local News

Evergreen Park has a walking path near Yukich Field 88th Kedzie and if you are out there on Thurs. come to the farmers market from 7 am until 1 pm.

Queen of Martyrs will be hosting Our Lady of the Millennium Statue which is 33 feet high and 8,400 pounds on July 9th through July 23 at 10233 S. Central Park.

Burbank Park District is taking a road trip to see the Cub take on the Brews at Miller Park. There are three different dates. They are Friday July 7, Saturday, July 8th and Sunday, July 9th. The cost is $45 per game which includes motor coach transportation and a ticket.

Don't forget the Burbank Park District's Annual Independence Day Celebration is on Saturday, July 1 from 4:30 until 10:30 p.m. at Ridgeland Park located on 77th & Narragansett Ave. Something for everyone including fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Smith to Address Phoebe's Place Senior

Garry Smith, Assistant Chief Deputy Clerk of the 6th District, Markham, within the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Dorothy Brown, will speak before the Phoebe's Place Seniors, Wednesday, June 28, at 12:15 pm at Maple Park United Methodist Church, 1225 W. 117th St.

Mildred Shaifer, Coodinator, announce that Smith will discuss the workings of the Clerk's office and services provided for the Cook County residents.

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Miracle Field for special needs people from the Sox's
Photo Marijo Doody

The kids play at the miracle field

by Marijo Doody

The old theme of the Chicago White Sox a few years ago was the kids can play! We all know what the kids did last year in bringing the World Series trophy to Chicago. Through the Sox, White Sox Charities also funded the Miracle Field in Mount Greenwood in a 1 million- dollar complex.

The field is flat and rubber and doesn't present obstacles for people in wheelchairs or who are visually handicapped.

It has been reported that recently there was a "Miracles Can Happen Double header." Started by two ladies Katie Kettering and Nancy Cranston, little Charlie ran around the bases while balloons and posters were put around for the games at Miracle Field in Chicago's Mount Greenwood, the field designated for special needs children.

Around 50 children participated along with orange-clad T-shirted volunteers. Most of the volunteers were from Mount Greenwood. The umpires were Mount Carmel baseball team players and eight graders from St. Christina Catholic school. Volunteers served as buddies to the kids if needed.

Kettering and Cranston said "we received significant support and response from the community, every kid hits, everybody makes a base and everyone scores a run. The staff at Mt. Greenwood Park was very supportive."

Charlie Kettering and Dan Cranston both have Down Syndrome, but Miracle Field is a place where their disabilities do not matter. Every kid likes to play baseball and some may need a little help. Even little Rob Marciano (3 years) the games youngest player was thrilled. His mom Eileen said "he watches the White Sox with his dad. We salute the White Sox charities for this program. Lets play more ball!

Evergreen Park hires additional police officers

by Matt Mayer

At the June 19 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved Police Chief Michael Saunders request to hire four additional full time police officers. "This request brings the total amount of full time officers to forty two Mayor James," Sexton said. A request from Saunders for Maura Walsh to participate in the police departments college student internship program was also approved.

In other business, the board approved the payment of dues for the Southwest Conference of Mayors. A board discussion took place regarding changing the number of times the board will meet in July - no decision was made at this time.

The board approved the following business license requests: A-1 Screen Printing for a new location for screen printing/ retail clothing at 3841 W. 95th St; Airbrush n Things, Inc for screen printing, embroidery, airbrushing and letter transferring at the Plaza.

A request to proclaim the 95th Anniversary of Owasippe Scout Reservation and the village's gratitude for the valuable youth services provided by the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America was approved. The month of July was also proclaimed Relay for Life days in the village in connection with the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event at the Evergreen Park High School on July 21.

Mary Kate Boyce, senior at McAuley High School. One of the players of the USGA Girls amateur junior national tournament.

St. Patrica's Hickory Hills Junior Varsity Boys won the Championship of the Soutwest Catholic Soccer Association Monday, June 5, 1 - 0 over Incarnation. On Tuesday, June 6 they won 4-0 over Incarnation The Junior VarsityTeam went undefeated the whole seasonl Coaches for the team were Pete Reed, Paddy Conway and Bert Connolly

This year the championship games were played at St. Rita's stadium under the lights.

McAuley student qualifies for USGA girls junior amateur national championship

Mary Kate Boyce, a senior at Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, has qualified for the United States Golf Association (USGA) Girls' Junior Amateur national championship. The tournament play will be from July 17-22 at the Carmel Country Club in Charlotte, North Carolina. Boyce, a resident of Oak Lawn, participated in the USGA Girls' Amateur Qualifier on June 19 at Royal Hawk Country Club in St. Charles.

There were 15 courses around the U.S. selected as regional qualifier sites. Boyce is one of 84 young women who earned a spot at the national tournament. Established in 1949, the U.S. Girls' Junior tournament involves players from around the world. Golfers in the tournament must be under 18 and have a USGA Handicap Index that does not exceed 18.4. The USGA conducts 10 amateur tournaments each year in addition to the U.S. Open, The U.S. Women's Open and the U.S. Senior Open.

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Lipinski Meets with Polish Foreign Minister Fotyga

[WASHINGTON, DC] Congressman Dan Lipinski met Monday, June 19, with Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Anna Fotyga and the Polish Ambassador to the United States, Janusz Reiter, to discuss relations between the United States and Poland.

"Poland is one of America's closest allies and has continually shown a commitment to the US-led reconstruction of Iraq and the global war on terrorism," Lipinski said. "It's important that we increase economic and cultural ties between Poland and the United States, and strengthen our already close relationship."

Ms. Anna Fotyga is the new Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland and was appointed by the Polish President Kaczynski on May 9, 2006. Previously a deputy foreign minister and a Member of the European Parliament representing the Polish Law and Justice party, Fotyga was in the United States to discuss current relations between the United States and Poland, including the Visa Waiver Program.

"Including Poland in the U.S. Visa Waiver Program would not only benefit Polish citizens wanting to visit the United States, but would also make it easier for millions of Polish-American citizens to see their families and friends," Lipinski said.

Congressman Lipinski has cosponsored legislation to add Poland to the Visa Waiver Program which covers 27 countries, including Slovenia, Brunei, France, Germany, Australia, Singapore, and Japan. In 1991, Poland unilaterally repealed the visa requirement for the United States citizens traveling to Poland. The U.S. Senate recently passed an amendment to immigration reform legislation that adds Poland to the Visa Waiver program for a two years probationary period, and allows Polish citizens to travel to the U.S. for tourism or business for up to 60 days without needing to stand in line to get a visa.

Military News

Army Reserve Spec. Ron C. Purley has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Purley is the son of Willie Taylor of S. Kedzie, Chicago, Ill. In 1991, the soldier received a bachelor's degree from Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Publisher's Pen

Summer is really not the time to get sick. Just think, if we were all in control of what happens to us, there wouldn't be any need for hospitals and Doctors.

Please send your prayers and good wishes to those in the hospital especially Vita Guardi, Christ Hospital and Marijo Doody, in care of this paper, Rose Stella in care of this paper.

Village View Newspaper didn't have a chance to extend our sympathy to Mayor James Sexton on the recent death of his father, John.

John F. Sexton Sr. (89) was laid to rest recently at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. John F. Sexton, Sr. was a retired Chicago policeman and a veteran. His wife, Geraldine preceded him in death. Survivors are daughters, Sharon (Richard) Mundo, Geraldine (Richard) Kavanaugh, Kathleen (John) Doyle and Mary Beth Sexton. Sons are John Jr. Sexton (Rita) and Evergreen Park Mayor James Sexton (Karen). Sexton Sr. leaves 21 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

John was a Leo High School Alumnus of 1935 and very active in the alumni organization.

Graduation brings great happiness to parents especially when completing college.

Congratulations to Kristen Kaulfold, daughter of happy parents Keith and Peggy Kaulfold, Tinley Park. The proud grandmother is Judy Kaulfold, mother of Village View staff person, Linda Steiner.

Kristen, resident of Tinley Park, graduate of Andrew High School is proud to be graduating with a double major.

Eastern Illinois University has an outstanding education program which Kristen mentioned.

Her degree is a BS in Education with a major in

Kristen Kaulfold, BS Special Education and a major in Elementary Education with a psychology concentration. That's how you do it kids, if you want a job.

For our high school graduate, congratulations to Kevin Trendle, St. Rita High School Graduate.

Supporting the troops and thanking our vets

Dr. Chris Martin, II recently opened his independent practice in the new Wal Mart in Crestwood, IL.

Dr. Martin is a retired Army Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, and continues to support our Active, Reserve and Guard service members with discounts on examinations to them and their families. He also provides discounted exams to veterans on these national holidays: Memorial Day, July 4th, Veterans Day. Please call 708-489-6951 for details.

Chris Martin, II, OD
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Inna Makievsky Named Vice President of Patient Care Services Chief Nursing Officer at St. Francis Hospital.

Blue Island, IL – St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island announces the appointment of Inna Makievsky as vice president of Patient Care Services/Chief Nursing Officer.

Makievsky, a resident of Dyer, Ind., worked as a naval architect in the Ukraine. She later served as director of risk management/quality at the General Children's Hospital in Kherson, Ukraine.

Her experience includes nursing management and staff nurse positions at Jewish Hospital, CARITAS Medical Center and Norton Hospital, all of which are located in Louisville, Ky. She came to St. Francis Hospital & Health Center from Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, Ind., where she was vice president of nursing services.

Makievsky, RN, has a master's degree in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University, a BSN from the University of Louisville, and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Nikolaev in the Ukraine.

Cancer Center at LCM presents reconstructive surgery

There are many decisions and many choices involved in the process of breast reconstruction, but perhaps the most important question to ask is the following: is reconstruction right for you? Please join us as Roxanne Sylora, MD, Member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, discusses making an informed decision about reconstructive surgery.

The program is Tuesday, July 26 from 7-8pm in Café 95 in Meeting Room 1, in the Cancer Center of the Hospital, 2800 W 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Refreshments will be served at the program, which is offered to cancer survivors, their families and those who support them. For information and reservations call 708-229-6001

Nearing Retirement visit social security online

By John Flynn, Social Security District Manager

As much as the Internet has become part of daily American life, the age group that has been slowest to adapt to Internet use for everyday business and information needs has been Americans age 65 and older. According to a recent report by the PEW Research Center, only about a third of those over age 65 use the Internet, compared with more than twice that number of those age 50 to 64. Most of this latter group are baby boomers, and they will be retiring (and planning their retirements) in large numbers over the next few years.

If you are one of these Internet savvy baby boomers, Social Security wants you to know that we are open for business at www.socialsecurity.gov <http:/www.socialsecurity.gov>. Whether you are just planning your retirement, or are actually ready to apply for Social Security retirement benefits, here are the Social Security online services you may want to consider:

Social Security Benefit Application: When you decide to take the plunge and actually retire, you can apply for your retirement (or spouse's) benefits online.

Retirement Planners: You can estimate your future benefits and also use links to outside websites that discuss other sources of retirement income and post-retirement concerns such as housing and medical care.

Even if you are not yet ready to use these Social Security online services, I urge you to visit our website at www.socialsecurity.gov and check them out, so that when you are ready you will know just what help is available to you.

Understanding the ABC's of the Windfall elimination provision

By John Flynn Social Security District Manager

The Windfall Elimination Provision, or WEP, can affect the Social Security benefits of tens of thousands of American workers, and it is one of the least understood aspects of the Social Security program.

So here are the basics about the WEP and how it could affect you, a family member, friend or coworker.

Who is affected: If you work in a job that is not covered under Social Security (such as some federal, state or local government jobs), any pension you get based on that work may reduce your Social Security benefits.

Why: Your Social Security benefits are reduced because Social Security benefits were intended to replace only a percentage of a worker's pre-retirement earnings. The way Social Security benefit amounts are figured, lower-paid workers get a higher return than highly-paid workers on the wages they earned while working. For example, lower-paid workers could get a Social Security benefit that equals about 55 percent of their pre-retirement earnings. The average replacement rate for highly-paid workers is about 25 percent.

Before 1983, people who worked in jobs not covered by Social Security received benefits that were computed as if they were long-term, low-wage workers. They received the advantage of a higher percentage of benefits in addition to their other pension. Congress passed the windfall elimination provision to eliminate this advantage.

A 'safety net': If you get a relatively low pension, the reduction in your Social Security benefit cannot be more than one-half of that part of your pension based on your job from which Social Security taxes were not deducted.

Plan ahead: Many people do not know about WEP and could experience the unpleasant surprise of learning that their retirement income will be reduced at a time when it is too late to adjust for it. In the future that is unlikely to happen because, as of last year, public employers are required to notify each new employee about WEP, and get each new hire's signature on a document attesting to having been notified. In the meantime, employees can quickly find out if and how their future Social Security benefit could be affected by WEP. Social Security has an easy-to-use online calculator at www.socialsecurity.gov/gpo-wep <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/gpo-wep> that allows you to estimate your Social Security benefit if you have a pension from work not covered by Social Security. You'll also see an online fact sheet and other information about WEP at our website: www.socialsecurity.gov <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>. Anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet can call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) and ask for the *Windfall Elimintion Provision* fact sheet.

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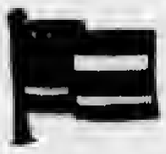

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Movin' Out

Moving' out, the Tony Award-winning new musical conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel, makes its triumphant return to Chicago, where the production first premiered before selling out on Broadway and on tour across the nation. Movin' Out moved in to the Auditorium Theatre June 28 until July 9, 2006.

Elizabeth Parkinson and Keith Roberts return to Chicago to reprise their roles as "Brenda" and "Tony". Part of the original pre Broadway and Broadway cast, both received Tony Award nominations for their performances in Movin' Out.

Told through the choreography of Twyla Tharp and more than two dozen of Billy Joel's hit songs, Movin' Out is the story of lifelong friends through two turbulent decades that change them and the world around them forever. Songs like "It's Still rock and Roll to Me." "We Didn't Start the Fire," and "Pressure" all come together to weave a musical backdrop which beautifully complements tharp's innovative choreography. The songs and dance take audiences through a poignant narrative comprised of three main elements: post World War II idealism, the Vietnam War and its subsequent unrest, and finally, survival.

Movin' Out is produced by James L. Nederlander, Hal Luftig, Scott E. Nederlander, Terry Allen Kramer, Clear Channel Entertainment and Emanuel Azenbeerg. Musical continuity and supervision is by Stuart Malina, Movin' Out feature a scenic design by Santo Loquasto, costume design by Suzy Benziger, lighting design by Donald Holder and sound design by Brian Ruggles and Peter Fitzgerald.

Left to right includes: Mary Jane Nogal (widow of Richard Nogal), Tom McCarty, (Board President) South-Southwest Suburban United Way, (Retiring Board Members) Gene Nootbaar, & Ken Gaskey).

Superintendent Supports St. Louis DeMontfort School

Pictured from left to right, Pastor Mark Canavan and Principal Holly Gross welcome Dr. Nicholas Wolsonovich, Archdiocese of Chicago Superintendent of Schools, to St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 S. Ridgeland. During his visit Dr. Wolsonovich toured the school's new library, renovated computer lab Conference Center, Science Lab and soon-to-be-finished Language Lab, slated to open in September of 2006.

Oak Lawn

Star Spangled 4th of July & Fireworks

Tuesday, July 4

9 am-2pm at Memorial Park (102nd & Major)

7:30-10pm at Richards High School

Schedule of Events
(Admission is free, but there may be fees for certain activities.)

9am-2pm • Concession • Arts & Crafts Fair
9am-7pm • Miniature Golf
9:30am • "SEEMORE" Bike Parade
10am • Chalk Sidewalk Art
10am-1:30pm • Tattoos • Inflatable Obstacle Course • Petting Zoo • Pony Rides
10am-2pm • Kids' Garage Sale • Bubble Table • Dodge Ball • Bounce Houses
10am-2pm • Water Wars • 3-on-3 Basketball • Hot Shot • Free-Throw Contest • Carnival Games • Dunk Tank
10:30am • Treasure Hunt
11am-12n • Ed Fairman - MAGICIAN
11am-2pm • Nature Activities • Sand Castle Building • Bean Bag Tournament • Kid's Craft • Adult Bingo
11:30am-2pm • Kids' Fishing Derby
12n-2pm • Big Wheel Races
12:30-2pm • Family Games
1pm • Hula Hoop Contest
1:30pm • Potato Sack Race
1:30-4pm • Long-Drive Contest

Evening Entertainment
Free Fireworks

South-Southwest Suburban united way Celebrates 1st year with recognition event

June 19, 2006 South-Southwest Suburban United Way thanked regional donors, volunteers, board members, and agency partners for their hard work and success.

Through a regional effort, South-Southwest Suburban United Way is investing $3.1 million in a wide range of health and human services programs that provide a network of services that support the communities of the South & Southwest Suburban communities including:

- Providing crisis support
- Promoting youth empowerment
- Encouraging self-sufficiency
- Embracing health & wellness

South-Southwest Suburban United Way honored its top Corporate Citizens at this event. Companies and their employees were honored for contributing to United Way through corporate and employee donations, special events, programs and volunteerism. Accepting the award for Ingalls Memorial Hospital is Joan Millender and accepting the award for St. James Hospital and Health Center is Jennifer Artis.

(Photo included left to right; Joan Millender Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Lisa M. Bly Chief Professional Officer, South-Southwest Suburban Untied Way and Jennifer Artis St. James Hospital and Health Center)

South-Southwest Suburban United Way Top Corporate Citizens are:

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South Suburban College Yellow Transportation, Inc.

"Our annual campaign would not be a success without the generosity and energy of our community partners," said Lisa M. Bly, Chief Professional Officer, South-Southwest Suburban United Way. "South-Southwest Suburban United Way's top corporate citizens represent community investors who take steps to make a positive difference in the communities where their employees and customers live and work."

Also honored at the event were Gene Nootbaar, Ken Gaskey, and Richard Nogal Posthumously, these board members all gave more than 30 years individually to the United Way.

VILLAGE OF TINLEY PARK NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

The July 4, 2006, regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Village of Tinley Park, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois, is hereby **CANCELED**. The next regular meeting of the Village Board will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, beginning at 8:00 P.M.

*Num*Astrology & You

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for July 4th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find *Numi, Beyond Logic* & this column online in *TheDailyPsychic.Com Happy 4th Be Safe!*

Help me Network this column-Telafriend

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign & Leo: Sometimes decision making is tough & demanding. But, it simply must be done, especially in dealing with funds & housing. **Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer**: Read the above message but add this: someone wants to oppose you. A person of good stead in your life will need your help. **Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius**: Your SMEP is working & you just seem to get to things, get them done & behind you. Now plan for some fun & R&R. **Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn**: What you are encountering are people who simply want their own way. Speak up & let them know that you count too! **Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo**: You come to the end of what may have been a long, lonely road for you. Pay attention to the one you love. **Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra**: It's okay to be angry, but it is not okay to "stay angry." This can be bad for your physical & emotional health. Re-l a x

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Read the above message & add this: create a "quiet place" in your mind, don't tell anyone, just go there, often. **Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio**: Read the above 2 messages & add this: whenever you hear "it can't be done," set your mind to it & you'll do it. **Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces**: You will get something out of all 9 of these messages since you are the culmination of life & all that can happen or enter into it.

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I'm at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St.] in Midlothian for mini-sessions Monday, July 10th & a discussion group Wednesday, July 12th [call us for information or reservation]; Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] July 17th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Contact me w/your own Beyond Logic experience

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Freedom Is Not Free!

From somewhere above comes a message to all of us who want Freedom. "Many people are confused in thinking that the word Freedom 'means' Free!" Since America began, men & women have died [the greatest price of all] so Americans & others can live in & enjoy freedom. But freedom also means taking "responsibility" for ourselves & our families. "Equality" means the taking of responsibility for ourselves. Equality is also a part of this thing called "Freedom." We possess the right to earn a living, to purchase things we want, to worship as we please, & so many other things people in other countries do not have the rights to do. Still, there are some people who seem to think that they can walk in & take what they want & not have to earn or be responsible for what they take. Some people think they can put the burden of their debts & needs on others simply because they want to. Now, some people want to make us all one Religion or we must die. So, if Freedom is important to you, you had better know it does not come cheap…ever."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Moraine Valley July classes

Enrolling in a Communications or Literature summer course at Moraine Valley can help college students earn their degree more quickly, especially when the classes begin July 10 and are only four weeks long.

Students in Composition II (COM 102), an analytical and critical writing course, incorporate research and supporting ideas from critics into literary analysis essays. Classes are still open from 8 to 11:50 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; 6 to 9:50 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays; and 9 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Students must have passed Composition I.

Get over a fear of public speaking by enrolling in Speech Fundamentals (COM 103). Students will be introduced to basic oral communication principles and skills and challenges of cultural diversity and gender equity. They will study and practice public speaking and discussion, preparation and organization, and delivery techniques. Classes are still open from 8 to 11:50 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; and 6 to 9:50 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Enjoy reading children's books? Enroll in Literature for Children/ Young Adults (LIT 205) and analyze the social, cultural, and intellectual implications of this genre. Education students also will learn ways to teach this genre in the classroom. This class is offered 8 to 11:50 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

Registration is underway. Tuition is $64 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the summer 2006 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu.

Seats still open in Moraine Valley's July U.S. government class

In the week following America's Independence Day celebration, Moraine Valley students enrolled in the college's American National Government four-week summer class will begin learning about the Constitution. Classes begin July 10 and will be Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 6 to 9:50 p.m.

Students will explore basic principles of the Constitution and structure and functions of the federal government including Congress, the presidency, and judiciary. They also will learn about the roles of political parties, pressure groups, and public opinion in American politics.

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Learn to appreciate the theater this summer at Moraine Valley

To be or not to be is the question students may be asked in the Theater Appreciation four-week course offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Moraine Valley, beginning July 10.

Students will learn the elements of theater through lectures, discussions, and attending Chicagoland performances. Some plays include a post-show discussion with a production team member. All tickets are included in the class fee. Some of the shows may be on Sundays. Students are responsible for getting to the theaters, although the class will attempt to carpool.

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Marist High School will have its annual golf outing

Marist High School will hold its 17th Annual Dick Foy Open with proceeds to benefit the work study program on Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Gleneagles Country Club, 13070 McCarthy Rd., Lemont, Ill.

The day will begin with registration at 8:00 am followed by a 9:00 am shotgun start. The cost is $150 per golfer and includes dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

The late Dick Foy is the former building engineer for Marist High School, and oversaw the work study program, which today boasts more than 50 students, who perform duties in return for a tuition reduction. Though Mr. Foy passed away in 1995, his legacy lives on in the program and the lives of the alumni who remember him so fondly.

For more information, contact Chuck Allworth, Director of Development, at 773-881-5378 or allworth.chuck@marist.net.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Wedding Memories

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The big day has come and gone and, like the day after Christmas, there is a slight disbelief that it could all be over.

As I write this, my daughter and her new husband are honeymooning, while Bill and I are trying to adjust to the quiet. This is quite a difference from the days leading up to the wedding.

I can now say, from experience, that no matter how much you plan and organize, the week before a wedding there are always last minute mishaps that you simply cannot foresee. Take for instance the photo frames used to hold the guest's seating place cards. We picked them up from the printer and happily sat down to fit them into the silver frames.

We quickly discovered the lettering was a bit too large. A trip back to the printer and a prayer she could redo them in one day, and we were back to work.

The special day dawned sunny and bright - a picture perfect day to get married.

The beautiful bridesmaids and super excited flower girls gathered around the beaming bride while the photographer snapped away.

The trolley seemed to be here much too early but actually it was right on time. I had been warned that this day would go by in a blink of an eye but it must have been the tears of joy that clouded my perception. An all too quick ride on the trolley and we were all delivered to the church with only a few minutes to spare.

With God's blessing, and surrounded by family and friends and the sounds of trumpets and flutes, our little girl became a wife.

We parents of the bride and groom waltzed into the reception as if walking on air; truly a moment in time for us. The energy in the room was electric and the excitement contagious.

The applause for the new married couple was so loud and enthusiastic that the music of the bag piper was barely heard.

The rest of the night went by in a whirl of dancing as it seemed like every guest was up on the dance floor, swinging, swaying, or jumping up and down to the beat of the music. And then it was over. The lights were turned up, the music turned off and, like a dream, I wondered if this special day had really come and gone this fast.

Today it feels a little like the day after Christmas. For so many months the dining room table was wedding central and now it's just empty and bare.

The champagne has gone flat, the flowers are wilting, and the house is really much too quiet, but that will take some time to get use to. Today is a day to remember. Before leaving the reception one of the waitresses shared her opinion that weddings are wasteful. She was right, I suppose. I think she was referring, in part, to all the cake that was left over and the party favors still left on some of the tables. Her ideal wedding, she said, would be to give her daughter a ladder and a check, which I assumed meant she hoped her daughter would elope. Well, not me. If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change a thing.

The gift I'm keeping with me is the awesome memories of a celebration that was 15 months in the making.

And, hopefully, the memories will be as ceremonious when it's time for my youngest daughter to say, "I Do."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

No matter where you are in life always believe the best is always yet to come. (Kathy Whirity)

Catholic Charities host 9th Golf outing at Cog Hill

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and committee chairman Jim Ryan Jr. will host the 9th Annual Golf Invitational at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club on Wednesday, July 26, 2006. More than 525 golfers will be welcomed to the charity event. Organizers hope to raise more than $300,000 for families in need.

Registration and breakfast are at 7:30am, the daylong event, rain or shine, begins at 10am with a shotgun start for foursomes on all four courses at Cog Hill. A cocktail reception is at 3:30pm and dinner is at 4:30pm.

Don't forget to "Beat the Nun" for a fee! Sr. Mary Ann Dosen OSF, former golf coach at Mount Assisi Academy is the host. Proceeds go to help the families in need!

Call Kristin Hopman at Catholic Charities at 312-948-7626. Catholic Charities was founded in 1917 and is a not-for-profit social service agency, private, and serves the Midwest regardless of race, creed, religious, national or economic background. Its Administrator is Rev. Michael Boland.

Talk to the animal

Make an appointment to see Dr. Dolittle, staged by and starring Tommy Tune, in Chicago at the Cadillac Palace Theatre for a limited engagement July 18-30, 2006. The Internet, video games...These days, all this "interactive" entertainment can get in the way of actually interacting with your kids. Why not shut down the computer, turn off the TV, and introduce your family to the magic of live theatre...with Dr. Dolittle, the Musical!

Tony Award-winner Tommy Tune stars as Dr. Dolittle in a show so imaginative your family won't believe their eyes! Filled with enchanting singing and dancing, a charming story about a magical veterinarian who can talk to the animals, and a witty score including "When I Look in Your Eyes," "I've Never Seen Anything Like It" and the Academy Award-winning song "Talk to the Animals," it will show your kids what interactive entertainment was meant to be.

Tune is proud to usher in a new generation to experience the thrill of live theater. He explains, "This is an ideal show to introduce children to the world of musical theater. It's an enchanting production that sparks a child's imagination, a wonderful treat for the entire family to enjoy together."

Throughout his prolific career, Mr. Tune has garnered many prestigious awards, including The National Medal of Arts presented by the President in 2003, nine Tony Awards, eight Drama Desk Awards, two Obie Awards and two Fred Astaire Awards. The multi-talented performer, choreographer and director has many credits to his name including Grand Hotel, The Will Rogers Follies, A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas and the original production of Nine.

Mr. Tune will be joined on stage by Dee Hoty, who will play Dr. Dolittle's love interest Emma Fairfax. Hoty has been honored with three Tony Award nominations for Best Actress in a Musical for her performances in The Best Little Whorehouse Goes Public, The Will Rogers Follies and Footloose. Other Broadway appearances include City of Angels (Outer Critics nomination), Me and My Girl, Big River, The Five O'Clock Girl and Shakespeare's Cabaret.

Twelve year old newcomer Aaron Burr was handpicked by Tommy Tune to play Chee-Chee the chimpanzee. This past summer, Burr won the Greatest Dancer competition on ABC's "Good Morning America," judged by Tune and a handful of other celebrity judges.

Filling out the cast are Joel Blum, Amanda Braddock, Jessica Leigh Brown, Kristin Dawn Calgaro, Matthew Crowle, Sandi DeGeorge, Jack Doyle, Mike Erickson, Joe Jackson, Lesley M. Klose, Scott Leindecker, Allan Mangasser, Lisa Morris, Amanda Rose, Jonathan Sandler, Sally Ann Swarm, Elisa Van Duyne, David F.M. Vaughn, Erin Webley, Steven Wenslawski and Jessica Wu. Adam Cates and Denise Payne are the dance captains and swings.

This new production is based upon Leslie Bricusse's 1967 Oscar-winning movie of the same name, as well as "The Doctor Dolittle Stories" by Hugh Lofting, and features music and lyrics by Leslie Bricusse, a writer-composer-lyricist who has contributed to numerous musicals and movies during his career. The book is by Lee Tannen. The show's clever and witty score includes the Academy Award-winning song "Talk to the Animals" and a flock of other tuneful delights, including "When I Look in Your Eyes," "I've Never Seen Anything Like It" and "After Today."

Dr. Dolittle is staged by Tommy Tune, choreographed by Patti Colombo (Peter Pan), features costumes by Dona Granata, has set design by Kenneth Foy (Gypsy) and lights by Ken Billington (Chicago). Michael Biagi is the musical director, Larry Blank did the orchestrations and Gordon Harrell arranged the dance and incidental music.

This whimsical tale first wowed audiences in the critically acclaimed 1967 movie starring Rex Harrison. It earned an impressive eight Academy Award nominations, winning several Oscars.

Dr. Dolittle is produced by Pittsburgh CLO, Nederlander Presentations, Inc., Independent Presenters Network and Columbia Artists Theatricals.

Dr. Dolittle will play the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 West Randolph, July 18 through 30, 2006. The performance schedule is as follows: Tuesday, July 18 – Sunday, July 2 3 Tuesday, July 25 – Sunday, July 30 Tuesday, July 18 at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26 at 2 & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 27 at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 21 at 8 p.m Friday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22 at 2 & 8 p.m. Saturday, July 29 at 2 & 8 p.m. Sunday, July 23 at 2 & 7:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m.

Individual tickets for *Dr. Dolittle* range in price from $25 - $72 and are available at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (24 W. Randolph St., 151 W. Randolph St., 18 W. Monroe St.), through the Broadway In Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers (including all Carson Pirie Scott stores, Tower Records, Hot Tix, select Coconuts and fye stores) or online at ticketmaster.com. Groups of 20 or more may receive a discount by calling (312) 977-1710.

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McAuley Seniors Receive President's Award

The United States of America President's Award for Educational Excellence has been awarded to 117 Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School seniors. These young women have demonstrated academic excellence by attaining a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The following members of the Class of 2006 received this award:

Aiya Abad Palos Heights
Jeanette Aparicio Oak Lawn
Angela Bader Chgo., Ashburn
Kathleen Balling Oak Lawn
Alyse Biszewski Chgo., Mt. Greenwood
Melissa Boulukos E.Park
Erica Burgos Chgo., Ashburn
Shannon Burke Oak Lawn
Colleen Burmeister E. Park
Ann Capron Chgo. Bev
Hannah Carroll Blue Island
Anna Marie Casa Berwyn
Stacey Chibe Oak Lawn
Katherine Connelly Chgo, Bev
Bridget Corcoran Chgo.
Bridget Crane Evergreen Park
Carly Cullinan Oak Lawn
Kathryn Daker Chgo, Bev
Kelly Leslie, Evergreen Park
Dalby Dawes Chgo., Westlawn
Christine DeCicco Crestwood
Jillian Devlin Oak Lawn
Erin Dillon Evergreen Park
Elizabeth Droel Chgo.Westlawn
Courtenay Dudzik Berwyn
Lauren Dunne Chgo., Bev
Carolin Egan, Chgo., Mt Green
Stephanie Episcopo Oak Lawn
Daniela Fandl Tinley Park
Melissa Fary Bridgeview
Anne Fiscella Orland Park
Allison Fournier Chgo., Bev
Jennifer Foy Evergreen Park
Amanda Funkey Orland Park
Lauren Gandurski Chgo., Bev
Stephanie Garci Chgo.
Jessica Garcia Oak Lawn
Kara Gavin Chgo., West Bev
Elaine Ginger Chgo., Bev
Rachel Anne Goga Burbank
Grochocinski Evergreen Park
Sarah Haberkorn Palos Heights
Megan Halleran Evergreen Pk
Courtney Haynes Palos Hills
Caitlin Heiderscheidt P.Heights
Emily Herbick Evergreen Park
Eileen Hickey Chgo., W. Bev
Bridget Hurley Chgo,WestBev.
Jessica Hyzy Midlothian
Amy Jackson Mt. Greenwood
Meghan Jankovich Chig Bev
Erin Kalisz Oak Forest
KimberlyKennyMt.Greenwood
KelseyKevin Palos Heights
Kelly Kilmartin Chgo.Bev
ElizabethKitchin OrlandPark
KristinaKomorowski Chgo.
Corinne Koopman Orland Pk
Michelle Koszulinski TinleyPk
MaryAlice Kouba Chgo., Mt. Greenwood
Krystyna Kropidlowski Chgo.
Madeline Larmon Chgo., Bev
Theresa Lavelle Oak Lawn
Jessica Lehocky Oak Lawn
Kathleen Lyons Evergreen Pk
Margaret Madaras Tinley Park
Sherryl Malanao Alsip
Magdalena Malik Burbank
Kathleen Mallon Chgo, Bev
Caitlin Mann Oak Lawn
Caitlin Marcordes Tinley Park
Anne Martig Chgo., Beverly
Elizabeth Mattes Palos Park
LaurenMazurskiChgo.,Ashburn
Michelle McCann E.Park
Amanda Miller Palos Heights
JoannaMoya
Katherine Mulcahy Oak Lawn
Mary MulcroneMt.Greenwood
AnnMusto Evergreen Park
Mary Newell Evergreen Park
Katherine O'Keefe Chgo., Bev
Jenna PerusichMt. Greenwood
Kerry Phelan Oak Lawn
MariaPlech Oak Lawn
Rachel Powers Palos Heights
Amy Preston Woodlawn
Emily Puchalski Chgo
Kristina Quinn Orland Park
Stephanie Rahman Chgo
Sarah Rakauskas Chgo
Bernadette Raspante Chgo
Ellen Reilly Chgo., Bev
Patricia ReynoldsOak Lawn
Kimberly Richards E.Park
Kaitlin Roberts Chgo.,
Danielle Robillard Chgo.
Chizelle Rush Chicago
Kristen Sandberg Oak Lawn
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Samantha Sevilla Orland Pk
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EvdokiaSkiadopoulos Chgo Mt. Greenwood
Kellie Small Chgo West Bev
Elizabeth Smoczynski Crestwood
Kayla Sotomil Orland Park
Adeola Soule Chgo
Lauren Spencer Chgo
Colleen Thomas Chgo., Bev
Jenna Tisoncik Oak Lawn
Jaclyn Todd Orland Park
Vivian Wai Burbank
KirstenWeber Palos Heights
Jessica Widlacki Crestwood
Amanda Williams Chgo
Brittany Wojcicki P.Heights
Bernadette Zalinski Burbank
Laurie-Melissa Zeilner Orland Park

Letter to the Editor

Chicago Alderman William Beavers (7th Ward) may be good at backroom political deals but he's a lousy historian and a poor persuader of public opinion.

In referring to the manipulative efforts by himself, Ald. Todd Stroger (8th) and others to slide the light weighted Stroger into his dad's spot on the ballot, Beavers keeps speaking of the entitlement of this position to be given to an African American. If someone declared that this position had to go to someone who was white or Polish or Italian, they would correctly be called a racist. The same is true in reverse.

Beavers also seems entitled when he says, "Hynes, Madigan ... all the rest of them did it..." Dan Hynes was twice nominated and elected State Comptroller having graduated Magna Cum Laude with an economics degree from Notre Dame. Lisa Madigan was nominated and elected to the Illinois State Senate before being nominated and elected Illinois Attorney General. Mayor Richard M. Daley was twice nominated and elected Cook County State's Attorney before being nominated and elected the fifth mayor to succeed his father. While clearly benefitting from their political families, none of them were anointed or inherited a ballot position while the parent office holder was having medical information withheld from the public for months.

When Beavers says: "Why can't we do it? That shows unity among black folks which white folks don't like," he shows contempt for all people as he tries to pass corrupt politics off as black unity. If John Stroger is to be replaced on the ballot, the obvious choice should be the second choice of the voters of Cook County: Democratic County Commissioner Forrest Claypool got 48% of the vote. He is infinitely more qualified than Todd Stroger, as are Commissioner Bobbie Steele and U.S. Rep. Danny Davis.

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Military News

Air Force Airman Samuel D. Bulow has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Alex and Mary Bulow of 170th Place, Tinley Park, Ill. Bulow is a 2003 graduate of Tinley Park High School.

George Shimko Basketball School Oak Lawn

The Oak Lawn Park is offering two George Shimko Basketball School sessions this July at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave.

The Rookie Session, for those ages 5-8, is designed to teach children with little or no basketball experience the fundamentals of basketball.

Each player will be taught how to dribble, pass, shoot, and be introduced to the game of basketball in a positive environment. This program begins Monday, July 10 and runs through August 14.

The Veteran Session, for those ages 9-15, is designed for the more experienced basketball player. Each player will be taught individual and team offensive and defensive concepts and continue to work on their basketball fundamentals in a positive environment.

This program begins Wednesday, July 5 and runs through August 9. All Players will be separated into groups by age and skill level. Fee for each session is $66 for Oak Lawn residents and $81 for non-residents, and includes instruction and GSBS Stars Basketball t-shirt.

Call the Community Pavilion at 708-857-2420 for more information.

Governors State Performing Arts Center announces new season

The Center for Performing Arts Center at Governors State University announces 2006-07 performances. Season highlights include performances by Bill Cosby, Jim Brinkman, Lily Tomlin, Jungle Jim Hanna and the National Broadway Touring Company 's production of "Joseph and the Amazing Dream Coat."

Opening night features Bill Cosby in an exclusive Chicago area engagement on September 30 at 5 and 8:30pm. U.S. Senator Barack Obama is the Honorary Opening Night Chair.

The New Year brings opera to the Center with "Carmen" done by Theatro Lirico d'Europa on February 18, 2007. "Joseph" will be in for April for two performances on the 29th. Tomlin appears Mother's Day weekend (May 11).

Concerts feature 40's music, "In The Mood' on Nov 5, Legends of Love (Diamond, Jones, Elvis and Rod) in March 3, 2007, and the Folk Reunion with Tom Paxton, Highway Men, and Limeliters on April 1., 2007.

Special family events include the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats (Jan 27) and Jungle Jack Hanna (May 19, 2007). Charter One again sponsors "Especially for Kids". It features "Christmas Carol", Alphabet Soup's production's "Charlotte's Web, "Bears on Stage" and Theaterworks USA "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" of CS Lewis.

Tickets for the new season are now on sale. Call the box office at 708-235-2222. Group rates are available for 20 or more. Call 800-386-6321. For added data visit the web centertickets.net.

Museum of Science and Industry news

The Museum of Science and Industry offers special extended hours from 9:30am-5:30pm Monday-Saturday and 11am-5:30pm on Sunday until September 4. General admission is $11 adults, $9.50 seniors and $7 children 3-11. Chicago residents receive a discount.

The following new exhibits are available for a separate fee: Frogs: A Chorus of Colors (June-January 2007),Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause (Aug 11-Dec 3, 2006), City Science Week (September 23-29, 2006.

Showing at Omnimax Theatre are Greece: Secrets and Past (through October 19, 2006) and Wired to Win: Surviving the Tour de France (Through January 11, 2007) The Omnimax films are not included in general admission.

Must see permanent exhibits are the U-505 Submarine, Toymaker 3000 and The Great Train Story. The Museum encourages guest to plan ahead and purchase tickets online at www.msichicago.org. The Museum is located 57th street and Lake Shore Drive.

Oak Lawn Library Displays for July 2006

The Oak Lawn Library will host two exhibits featuring unique collections of local hobbyist. On the displays for July 2006 is The Waterfall Glen Chapter of the Embroiders Guild of America's member needlework pieces of various stitching and finishing styles. Peter D. Noto Jr. will show off his collection of vintage Hollywood memorabilia. It includes photos, statues, scripts and original lobby movie cards.

Individual and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library may pick up a display case application at the reception desk. For more information call 708-422-4990.

Orchestral Association sends subscribers commemorative ticket

As a long time CSO subscriber a pleasant surprise was received .The commemorative ticket of Daniel Barenbohn's last concert "The Beethoven Ninth Symphony" was sent. It is a nice keepsake of his time here. He now goes to La Scalla in Milan.

"Silk Road Chicago" theme will anchor the CSO's 2006-07 season. Earlier at Millennium Park, famed Yo Yo Ma the cellist held a concert to overflow at the Pritzer Pavilion. Ma indicated he chose Chicago because of the melting pot of nationalities represented in the area. The Silk Road historically covers the countries where silk traveled! Performing with Ma were musicians from the Silk Road countries.

Opening night of the CSO is Saturday, September 30. Call 312-294-3185 for opening night packages (includes pre-concert cocktails, premium seating, post-concert dinner and dancing at Millennium Park).

Chicago's Antique Market returns on West Randolph

The European-style Chicago's Antique Market is an urban indoor/outdoor venue held the last Sunday each month through October on the 1300 block of West Randolph Street (between Ada and Ogden). Market hours are 8am to 4pm.

Chicago's Antique Market features more than 200 quality antique dealers and shoppers will find something to please everyone, including furnishings, house wares, vintage clothing, and collectibles.

Each month's market features a unique theme The July 30th market features "Souvenirs from a Family Vacation", The August 27 market day features "the last days of summer." September 24 highlights "Fall Fashion and Home Previews." October 30 market day features "A Celebration of Frank Lloyd Wright."

Early outdoor buying is available for $30. Free trolley transportation to and from the Chicago's Antique Market is provided as a courtesy to shoppers and depart from Water Tower Place 835 N. Michigan at the top of each hour from 9am to 2pm and return at 30 minutes past the hour from 9:30am to 4pm.

There is free parking in local streets and a secure parking free lot at Plumbers Hall. There is the Treasurers Café for a break (coffee) at Plumbers Hall lounge.

For information on the Chicago's Antique Market call 312-951-9939 or visit the web at www.chicagoantiquemarket.com.

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The Dionne trio, left to right Carrie, Paulette Bruce, Alexis J. Rogers. All individually sang Dionne Warwick songs.

Don't Make Me Over in tribute to Dionne Warwick premiered Saturday, June 3 and continuing through August 27.

This production is written and directed by Black Ensemble Theater Company Founder and Executive Director Jackie Taylor. The "Season of Women" is sponsored by Sara Lee Foundation, Tribune Foundation and LaSalle Bank.

This production continue to company's popular "Season of Women " theme, celebrating the achievement of African American women. What was expected to be a single "Season of Women" was launched in 2004 with the smash hit, Somebody Say Amen (Great Women of Gospel). Some two years later-thanks to production of At Last: A Tribute to Etta James and Nina Simone: The High Priestess Speaks-Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick marks the fourth original work in this series.

In addition to the aforementioned talents, Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick) features Shay Ames as Burt Bacharach and Barry Manilow, Jacqueline Thomas as Lee Warrick and Toi Overton as Cissy Houston. Dee Dee Warwick is played by Marquecia Jordan while Nikita Harris, Dwight Neal and Gemini Wadley play various roles.

All performances will take place at The Black Ensemble Theater, 4520 N. Beacon. Tickets are available by calling the Back Ensemble Theatre Box Officer at 773-769-4451 or Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500, or online at ticketmaster.com.

Chicago production of Wicked honors it's 1st year anniversary

There's no place like home... WICKED remains the most 'Popular' show in all of Oz with nearly 1,000,000 audience members having attended since it landed permanently in the Windy City. Chicago's open-ended production of WICKED celebrates one year where it continues sold-out performances at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre.

In honor of the occasion, the Chicago company and Broadway In Chicago are proud to hosted a public celebration at Water Tower Square Park.

A coven of fans descended 'greenified' and dressed as Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West. The first 365 witches in attendance receive gift certificates from the company.

The producers, in gratitude of Chicago's enthusiasm and support for WICKED, have made arrangements for each 'witch' to receive a pair of tickets to a future performance.

Festivities also included special appearances from the stars of the cast, including Chicago's own Elphaba Kristy Cates.

The finalists from the 2005 Be WICKED singing contest were on hand to perform their favorite WICKED songs.

The Chicago company of WICKED performs nightly at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts, Oriental Theatre, 24 West Randolph Street. Tickets for WICKED range in price from $25 to $85 and are on sale at all Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (24 W. Randolph St., 151 W. Randolph St., 18 W. Monroe St.), through the Broadway In Chicago Ticket Line at (312)902-1400, or online at ticketmaster.com.

Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling (312)977-1710.

Tony'n Tina's Wedding welcome Frankie Avalon

Tony'n Tina's Wedding, the crowd-pleasing interactive wedding experience, proudly welcomes Frankie Avalon as Tina's Godfather, at Chicago's Pipers Alley, 230 W. North Ave. from July 20-23. Avalon has been charming audiences with his special guest appearances in Tony'n Tina's Wedding since 1994.

Frankie Avalon is one of America's leading entertainers. Since his "Teenage Idol" days, Avalon has thrived as an artist, performing in concert venues across the country and headlining at top Las Vegas Hotel main -rooms. He has starred in more than 30 films, including Beach Party, Grease, The Alamo and The Take. Tony'n Tina's Wedding is an interactive satire of an Italian-American wedding in which the audience participants in the festivities along with the 32 cast members. There is everything from the ceremony, the catered buffet dinner, the toast, dancing and the wedding cake. The event is an interactive experience you'll never forget.

Show times are Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday at 8pm and Saturday at 8pm and family day, Sunday at 5pm for guest of all ages. The wedding accommodates 300 guest. To RSVP and purchase tickets, call 312-664-8844.

Paramount Theatre announces stellar 2006-07 season

The Paramount Theatre in Aurora, celebrates the 75th Anniversary with a 2006-07 season filled with world-class Broadway music, comedy and dance. The Paramount Theatre was recently names one of the top 10 theatres in Chicago by the League of Chicago Theaters.

Hilarious Sinbad wraps up the summer in a comedy show perfect for the entire family. Comedy and more of it return in an all new show featuring Caroline Rhea, Nick DiPaolo and Eddie Brill as comics of David Letterman. The Chicago tradition the Second City Theatricals introduce Rings, The Fellowship of Fools as they poke fun of the Ring's Lord. There is story telling in "My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish and I'm in Therapy." Sister Bernie's Bingo Bash returns for a night of wacky fun with Mary McHale.

They think Broadway is better in the burbs! The shows this year are "The Producers", "Cats", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", "Forever Tango". "Stomp", "Barrage" and "Drum." They fuse music, dance, rhythm and song!

For the country and rock n roll fans there is Marie Osmand, Air Supply, Bobby Vinton, Gordon Lightfoot, Randy Travis, Olivia Newton-John, Kenny Rogers, The Glen Miller Orchestra and Preservation Hall Jazz Band. There is something for everyone!

Classical music fans can enjoy The Ten Tenors, The East Village Opera Company, Itzhak Perlman, and The Purdue Varsity Glee Club. Pop fans will feast on ABBA with Bjorn Again and A Day in His life, The John Lennon Anthology Concert.

Tickets are on sale to subscribers. Call 630-896-6666. Purchase three or more shows to take advantage of preferred seating and become a subscriber. Visit the Paramount Theatre online at www.theparamounttheatre.com. The Theatre Box Office is 8 E. Galena Blvd. North Island Center, Aurora.

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Steppenwolf presents 2nd Annual First Look Repertory of New York

by Marijo Doody

Steppenwolf Theatre Company invited media in conjunction with their announcement of the lineup for First Look Repertory of New York, the 2nd annual program featuring three new exciting developmental productions that will be presented in rotation. They will accompany the productions with a series of readings, lectures and events around the development of each work.

First Look 101 will be a three-month opportunity providing rare access to the play rehearsal process. This leads up to the July 20- August 13, 2006 2nd annual First Look Repertory of New York that will be presented at the Merle Reskin Garage Theatre.

All tickets are $15 and A First Look pass to all three plays is available for $30. Call 312-335-1650.

The productions and playwrights are "100 Saints You should Know" by Kate Fodor, "Spare Change" by Mia McCullough and "The Butcher of Baraboo" by Marisa Wegrzyn. Fodor received a Jeff Award for her winning play "Hanna & Martin" and this is her 2nd full-length play. Mc Cullough's play received a reading at the 2005 First Look and her play "Taking care' premiered at Steppenwolf Garage in 2004. Steppenwolf commissioned Wegrzyn's play and she is a recent graduate from Washington University in St. Louis.

Theatre- goers can attend all three productions on July 23, 2006 at 1, 5 and 8pm. A national panel discussion about the new plays will be held on Sunday, August 6th at 11am in the Merle Reskin Garage Theatre. Staged readings will be on July 29, August 5 and 12 at 11am.

First look 101 takes enrolled members on a one of a kind backstage journey through Steppenwolf's new play development process. The program is open to anyone interested in and wanting to know more about creating new plays. This is a great opportunity for college age students in drama at local colleges and universities.

Seven actors are returning to the Steppenwolf stage and seven actors are making their Steppenwolf Theatre debut in these productions. In the former class are: Alana Arenas, Annabel Armour, KK Dodds, Danica Ivancevic, John Judd, Mary Ann Thrbus and Natalie West. New actors are: Yetide Badaki, John Hoogenakker, Paul Noble, Kelly O'Sullivan, Byrce Pagelow, Rebecca Sohn and Janelle Snow.

Productions are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday and some Saturday's at 3pm.

Steppenwolf receives grant from Chicago Community Trust

Steppenwolf's website just got better as improvements were made possible by the Chicago Community Trust recent grant. The Chicago Community Trust for more than 90 years has connected the generosity of donors with the needs of the community by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago.

The Trust granted its billionth dollar in 2006, and last year gave more than $81 million. To learn more please visit the Trust on line at www.cct.org.

99th Street Players present "Black Patent Leather Shoes"

The 28th annual 99th Street Summer Theater Festival will present "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" on Thursday through Saturday, July 6-July 8 at the Mother Mc Auley Auditorium.

For tickets call Pat Hayes at 773-881-6512. The auditorium is located 3737 W. 99th Street in Chicago. Many former 99th Street players have gone on to the professional ranks in Chicago wonderful theatre scene. It is a great opportunity for local folks to see theater.

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· 7:30 - 11 p.m., Wednesday, July 12 - Salsa Night - $8 Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30 – 8 p.m. intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15 – 8:45 p.m. open dancing continues from 8:45 – 11 p.m.

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Tinley Park proceeds with Walgreen relocation

by Matt Mayer

The board overturned the objections of the planning commission and area residents at the June 20, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting and unanimously approved the creation of an ordinance to rezone the property at 171st St and 84th Ave. from single family residential to general commercial business so Walgreens could relocate from their store at 171st St and 80th Ave and build a 14,000 square foot stand alone box store with a drive thru window. This site is also slated to include a 6,000-squre foot shopping center and a common parking lot. An ordinance for the parking variance was tabled and will be addressed at a future board meeting.

In other business the board approved an ordinance amending a section of the village municipal code regarding a parking lot regulation agreement between the village and Amber Meadows at Timbers Edge homeowner association. This amendment will allow for police enforcement of parking lot use, parking of motor vehicles and control of vehicle traffic at this location. A public works request to purchase a rubber wheel Caterpillar 928GZ loader from Patten Caterpillar of Joliet for $96,390.00 was approved as well as a request to purchase a Holland B95 Back hoe loader from Martin Implement of Orland Park for $62,582.00..

A payment to John Burns Construction Company for $214,828.65 for work completed on the 2006 water main replacement program was approved as well as a payment to Steve Spiess Construction Company in the amount of $397,778.40 for work completed on detention pond modifications for Ridgegate units 5 and 6. A request from the Kiwanis to conduct a fundraiser on September 22nd and 23rd was also approved.

Enjoy Professional Village Sponsored Fireworks Displays

The Orland Fire Protection District is calling on all area residents to avoid home fireworks displays and instead attend those hosted by area municipalities.

"We're hoping to reduce the number of tragedies associated with home fireworks," said Orland Fire Trustee Patty Corcoran. "Nothing is more heartbreaking than to see a child who's been seriously injured by store bought fireworks," she added.

According to the National Safety Council, in 2002, nearly 9000 people were treated in emergency rooms for fireworks-related injuries to the fingers, hands, eyes and legs.

"The best way to safely enjoy the holiday is to watch a public fireworks display,"said Orland Fire Chief Don Bettenhausen, adding that the Village of Orland Park will host its fireworks display after 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4 at Centennial Park, 15600 West Avenue.

Mayor Stricker celebrates the grand reopening of Holiday Inn

Nearly 800 guests celebrated the Holiday Inn Chicago-Matteson's grand reopening on Wednesday, June 21 with (from left) assistant general manager Steve Kmetz, senior sales manager Melissa Ficaro, Village of Matteson Mayor Mark Stricker and general manager Brian Romaine. The hotel recently completed a $4 million renovation project that began in late 2005.

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Advocate for students drawn by University mission

Saint Xavier University has appointed Candace E. Passi, Ph.D., as its new dean of students.

"I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a wonderful department and institution," Passi said. "As I learned about the Dean of Students Office mission and Saint Xavier's mission, I felt that this would be an excellent fit for me. I love working with students and look forward to meeting them at orientation and as they arrive on campus."

In her new role at Saint Xavier, Passi will be an advocate for students. She will assist in their academic and out-of-class development and ensure that student service programs are designed and carried out to support students and complement the academic mission of the University. She will also oversee Campus Life, Residence Life, student media and student judicial affairs.

"Candace brings a wide range of experience in student affairs work to the Dean of Students position at Saint Xavier," said John Pelrine, vice president for student affairs. "In particular, she has great experience with many different types of students, which will benefit our diverse student body."

Passi, who succeeds Pelrine in the position, comes to Saint Xavier from Midwestern University where she served as dean for student services for seven years. Previously, she served as program manager of the Master of Science Program at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy.

Passi, of Orland Park, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from Loyola University Chicago and a master of science in education degree and a doctorate in education and social policy/higher education from Northwestern.

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,700 students with high-quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in five schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management, School of Nursing and School of Continuing and Professional Studies. With campuses in Chicago and Orland Park, the University offers personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate, graduate and professional programs of study.

Tinley Park Park District offering youth soccer training

The Tinley Park-Park District is offering a youth soccer training program beginning July 17 at the Community Park soccer fields, 8125 W. 171st Street. The Future Pros staff consists of professional players from around the world as well as college coaches from the U.S.. They have developed a unique training program offering youth players of all levels and abilities the opportunity to take their game to the next level. The camp runs from July 17 through July 21. Age 4-5 will meet from 9:00-10:30 am, and ages 6 and up will meet from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Fees are as follows: age 4-5 residents $55, nonresidents $83; age 6 & up residents $95, non-residents $143. Space is limited. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-420

Acorn Public Library holds book discussion

The Acorn Public Library holds a young adult book discussion for ages 11+ "Inkheart" on July 21 from 3:30-4:15pm. Books are available at the desk. Snacks will be provided. Call 708-687-3700 for more information.

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HypnoQuest:

If you can think it, you can change your life. You can make a big difference in other people's lives as well. Everyone *hypnotizes* themself at least several times a day "just to get through the day." There are so many demands we put on ourselves, and demands others put on us that it is *Beyond Logic* to think even for a moment that we can control everything that happens to us at home, work, school, out with friends or even having a good time. *HypnoQuest* is a set of 9 cassette tapes that you listen to, even at night while you sleep. You can lose weight, learn a new skill, or improve on the ones you already have. You can learn to relax, and so much more just by learning how to change your thinking! For information on how to get the tapes call 1-708-597-5866.

Anesthetic or Ghost

Cynthia shares this: "My mom and I were never very close, and she often told me that I was an 'unwanted' child. I had not seen or heard from her in more than twenty years. I had to have some very serious surgery and I had no one with me, I went to the hospital by myself and went through the ordeal. During surgery I saw my mom standing at the side of the surgical table and she smiled and put her hand over mine. She whispered, 'I'm so sorry I was so mean to you, please forgive me.' I woke up feeling very weird about what happened and just knew it was a dream or the anesthetic playing tricks on me. A few days later, a floor nurse asked me who the lady was that simply walked into the operating room and had to be told to leave because she could not be in there. I had no answer for her. A week after I went home, a cousin informed me that my mom had passed away on the day of my surgery. But, I was not the only one who saw her…she was there! All things have come right for me since then just knowing she came to me when I needed her the most."

You can write to me about your own *Beyond Logic* experience. It's P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn, IL 60454. Names and places can be deleted if you wish. *Jacki Mari*

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Tinley Park Public Library offers reading program

There is still time for children to earn great prizes by reading books! The Youth Services Department at Tinley Park Public Library has Summer Reading Programs for children six months to 18 years of age. Kids earn prizes as they reach goals, plus earn chances for great raffle prizes-including a chance to win an iPod (open to children who have completed grades I through 12).

For more information, visit or call the Youth Services Department at 708-532-0160, extension 2.

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The Chicago Ridge - Worth Chamber of Commerce
23rd Annual Golf and Dinner Event
Wednesday, July 12, 2006.
Waters Edge Golf Club in Worth, IL.
2 p.m. shot gun start/four-person team scramble

The golf outing is a great way to network with your fellow Chamber Members & support the Chicago Ridge-Worth Chamber of Commerce!!

If you can't make it out to golf, please consider a sponsorship, raffle prize donation or goodie bag item!!

2006 Entry Fee $110 per person or $400 for a foursome Includes green fee and cart, lunch, dinner, soft drinks and beer on the course, complimentary 2 hour open bar following golf, hole contests and a raffle.

Name_____
Company/Organization_____

Please reserve a foursome @ $400.00 _____

Reserve _____ players for golf, dinner & 2 hour open bar @ $110.00 each _____

Reserve_____ places for dinner & 2 hour open bar @ $40.00 each. _____

Reserve _____seats for my/our spouse/significant other _____ for dinner & 2 hour open bar @ $35.00 ea. (golf participants only)

Names:

Sponsorship: ?19th Hole ? Beverage Cart ?Beat Pro ?Hole Sponsor

Total remitted: _____

Raffle Prize/Gift Bag Donation_____

Player Names Handicaps (if available) Phone

1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
4) _____

Please make checks payable to Chicago Ridge-Worth Chamber of Commerce. Competed registrations forms and checks should be mailed to Lindsay Maxon at 444 Chicago Ridge Mall/Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. If you have any questions, please contact me at (708) 499-0840.

Photo by Bob Brodsky

McAuley's running campers

The Running Macs at Mother McAuley High School just completed their 11th annual " Summer Running, Summer Not" running camp. Twenty nine young and energetic campers ranging in grade from 7th to 11th put in close to a ten mile week while learning the basics of a beginning running progam. The camp was held at Mother McAuley High School and included talks on nutrition, running, safety, and an introduction to high school cross country and track and field. All three instructors are cross country/track and field coaches at Mother McAuley. Pictured are 26 of the 29 area resident campers with coaches Bob Brodsky and Tracy Lehner (back row left), and head coach Stan Bartecki (Back row right).

How To Recognize and Treat Heat Exhaustion
From Rod Brouhard, Your Guide to First Aid.

Heat illnesses (heat exhaustion and heat stroke) are caused by an increase in core body temperature often coupled with fluid loss (dehydration).

It's important to recognize heat illness early and seek treatment as quickly as possible. It does not need to be hot outside for heat exhaustion or heat stroke to occur. Many victims develop heat illness just from exertion.

Heat illnesses can cause permanent brain damage or death if not treated in time.

Questions or comments? Post to the Forum!

Difficulty: N/A

Time Required: N/A

Here's How:

Stay safe! If the environment is hot enough for the victim to get overheated, then it's hot enough for the rescuers.

Move the victim to a cooler environment immediately. Shade is better than sun, air conditioning is better than outside, etc. The cooler the better.

Remove the victim's clothing to encourage heat loss.

If the victim is conscious and able to follow commands, he or she can drink fluids to rehydrate.

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If the victim is unconscious, call 911 immediately!

Seek emergency medical treatment (call 911) for a victim of heat exposure if any of the following exist (even if conscious):

- weakness
- dizziness
- confusion
- nausea
- vomiting
- dry skin (unable to sweat)
- unable to urinate (anuria)

For victims of heat illness that have stopped sweating and/or are unconscious, cooling the body becomes extremely important. Strip the victim of all clothing and put ice on the armpits, groin, and

Worth creates first TIF district

by Matt Mayer

Once again a standing room only crowd filled the village chambers at the June 20, Worth Board of Trustees meeting with residents overflowing into the hallway, down the outside staircase and into the parking lot. And once again emotions ran high as did at the public meeting on June 6. State law requires that a public hearing must be held before a TIF district can be established. At the meeting, Kenroll's Steak House.

ing, Beth Ruyle of Ehler and Associates of Warrenville, the company the village hired to perform the TIF eligibility study, outlined the study results, which determined that the village meets the blighted eligibility requirements for the creation of a TIF district.

The main concern at the public hearing was residents losing their homes and the possibility of the village invoking eminent domain. Mayor Edward Guzdziol responded to a question why residents were located in the TIF district. "The TIF was created for the blighted corner on 111th and Ridgeland, the former Paul's Plumbing Supply, which has been empty for two years. The apartment buildings south of Paul's have not been addressed by developers however they could be possibly be replaced with a mix use development where condominiums are built on top on businesses," Guzdziol said.

The board proceeded with a unanimous vote to create the tax increment financing TIF district; a TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. After the vote, the board approved Guzdziol's request to hire another consultant to help with potential developers interested in the district. Guzdziol projects the cost to be some three thousand dollars. As Trustee Kevin Waqrner stated at the public hearing "we have some bad news here people we're broke and the TIF project is absolutely essential for economic growth." In April the board expanded the boundaries, which now includes a small portion of homes. The TIF district is roughly bounded by 111th and Ridgeland Ave to the east I-294, to the west slightly past 112th to the south and slightly north of 111th St, which includes some additional businesses including

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The late Dick Foy is the former building engineer for Marist High School, and oversaw the work study program, which today boasts more than 50 students, who perform duties in return for a tuition reduction. Though Mr. Foy passed away in 1995, his legacy lives on in the program and the lives of the alumni who remember him so fondly.

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Oak Lawn postpones 111th Street TIF vote

by Matt Mayer

At the July 11, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, the village chambers overflowed into the hallways and down the stairwell and continued out the front doors with residents, employees, and business owners to voice their objections to the proposed 111th St Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district. The boundaries for the 25-acre project are Cicero Ave to the east, LaVergne Ave to the west, 111th St to the south and residential property lines to the north. A large portion of retail space has been vacant since the closure of the Dominick's store in 2004. Along with the largest employer, K-Mart, which has been at this location since 1974 and employs 134 people, other affected businesses were also present.

A petition drive sponsored by K-Mart employees collected thousands of signatures; two mailings went mailed out to registered voters of Oak Lawn in the past several weeks. The last mailing just prior to the meeting urged residents to stop the TIF project. The letter stated that Flap Jack's Restaurant, Automotion, A&D Tile and Harley Davidson have recently spent a combined amount of over $6 million in improvements.

A letter from Flap Jacks owner, Nick Stamos, was also enclosed which outlined in great detail the negative impact the TIF district would have on the area, residents and legal ramifications.

At the May 23, TIF public hearing, K-Mart council, James Klenk of Sonnenschein, Nath and Rosenthal LLP, addressed the board and disputed the TIF eligibility report prepared by Kane, McKenna and Associates Inc and outlined by Robert Rychlicki. Klenk said, "K-mart is committed to this location and we'll be all the way to the court house if necessary.

Trustee Tom Phelan (D-6) was the first to propose the TIF for the creation of a life style center, which would include high-end retailers and restaurants, shortly after taking office and remains a strong proponent of the project. As support for the passage of the ordinances for the TIF began to wane, Mayor Dave Heilmann said that the vote to create the TIF would be postponed until August. Phelan said the extra time would be an opportunity to address inaccuracies and misrepresentations by the business community. Phalen also said he hopes to persuade more residents and businesses to endorse this development. The next meeting is August 8. The location will be announced on the community channel.

Bridgeview agrees to land swap

by Matt Mayer

On June 9, 2006 Chicago area Toyota dealers agreed to a $10 million deal for 10 years to pin their corporate badge on the new home of the Chicago Fire which will officially be named Toyota park, this was just in time for first game on June 11- when the Chicago Fire played host to the New England Revolution in a public safety match, which was open only to season ticket holders and Bridgeview residents. The 20,000-seat stadium, at 71st street and Harlem Avenue can also seat 28,000 for venues on of which was the B96B Bash,

At the June 21, Bridgeview Board of Trustees meeting a land swap deal with Bedford Park was approved. A deal was finalized with Bedford Park to acquire the property next to the stadium, in exchange for $2 million and 15 acres of property at Archer Ave and Roberts Road. The property is slated to be used as a practice soccer field, a park and possibly some businesses. The board also amended an ordinance, which will allow tailgaters to drink alcohol, and approved an agreement with Summit to share stadium-related traffic control.

At the base of the bridge, once stood the 3M Company sign. What was once 3M's manufacturing and office complex will now be paved and used as a parking lot. The stadium resides on a portion of the former Consolidated Freightways Trucking Service. Both companies provided the area with well paying jobs. In the early 1980's when the steel mills were shutting down for example and unemployment at one point reached 10 percent then President Ronald Reagan said that the country was moving from a manufacturing to a service economy. Well perhaps the country now is moving from a manufacturing and a service economy to a sports and entertainment economy. It's certainly the case for 71st and Harlem Ave. The upshot is that the stadium wouldn't be off shored and will provide a good revenue source for Bridgeview, as long as companies provide jobs for the spectators.

Oak Lawn Chamber hosts opening day of the Oak Lawn Farmers' Market

Pictured from left to right are Ginger Morgan, Carey Cranston, Pat Stasik, Nicole Walsh, Leo Gutchewsky, Jim Buschbach, and Brian Anderson

The Oak Lawn Chamber sponsored opening day at the Oak Lawn Farmers' Market on June 28. Chamber members came out to greet vendors and customers with donuts, pastries and coffee. The Farmers' Market is held in the Village Hall Parking Lot and is open every Wednesday through October from 7:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Smith Village Breaks Ground for New Building

Michael A. Flynn (left), ceo of Smith Senior Living, joins 19th Ward Alderman Ginger Rugai and 18th District State Senator Edward Maloney at the mid-June groundbreaking for 152 independent living apartments at Smith Village, 2340 W. 113th Place in Chicago. This state of the art $65 million senior living community is among the most ambitious construction projects ever in the Beverly area. When it is complete next year, Smith Village will be Beverly's first continuing care retirement community. (Photo Credit: Waldemar Reichert)

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Military News

Air Force Airman Thomas W. Ehrlicher has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Ehrlicher is the son of Jason and Maureen Ehrlicher of S. Melvina Ave., Oak Lawn, Ill. He is a 2005 graduate of Oak Lawn Community High School.

Air Force Cadet Sean D. Walsh has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. The academy offers a four-year educational program of instruction and experience designed to provide cadets the knowledge and character essential for air and space leaders, and the motivation to serve as Air Force career officers. The curriculum provides a balanced program of military training, academics, physical training, athletic conditioning, and character and ethical development. The courses of study allow cadets to acquire a broad education in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences, the humanities, including additional elective courses needed to complete requirements for one of 25 major areas of study. The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various management and technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to nonrated Air Force-wide assignments. The officer is scheduled to attend undergraduate pilot training at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Okla. Walsh received a degree in Management. He is the son of Michael and Jozelle Walsh of Michaele Drive, Oak Forest, Ill. In 2001, he graduated from Oak Forest High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Sergiy Maslovsky has graduated from the First Term Airman Center at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho. The center assists first term airmen to transition from the controlled environment of basic military training and technical school to a self-disciplined, mission-oriented environment at their first duty station. The center provides a streamlined process for base and unit in-processing to help airmen understand how they fit in at their duty station. For 30 days, the airmen are mentored and supervised at the center by staff leaders who help airmen with schedules, in-processing appointments, and ensure attendance to all mission-oriented briefings, meetings, training and tours. The staff leaders also advise on military protocol, personnel and professional matters and provide counseling when disciplinary actions are warranted. The airmen also spend five to seven days conducting work details, including base clean up and baggage handling. After 30 days, the airmen receive a certificate of accomplishment and report to their duty section ready to be trained in their job specialty without interruption. Maslovsky, a medical laboratory apprentice, is assigned to the 366th Medical Support Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base. He is the son of Anatoliy and Jalina Maslovsky of 158th St., Oak Forest, Ill. The airman is a 2004 graduate of Oak Forest High School.

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Flynn addressed Oak Lawn Kiwanis

Judge Peter Flynn, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, which is the highest court that prevails in Cook County, addressed the Oak Lawn Kiwanis at their recent dinner meeting. Judge Flynn discussed the Illinois court system, which is one of the largest unified court systems in the world.

Judge Flynn is a 1963 Graduate of Harvard College, with a Magna cum Laude in government. He received his law degree from Yale Law School. He received the Thurman Arnold Prize and the John Fletcher Caskey Prize for Distinction in Appellate and Trial Advocacy at Yale. After graduation, Judge Flynn served in the Peace Corps for two years in law areas.

He was a member of the law practice of Jenner and Block before forming his own law firm that litigated in State and Federal courts across the country.

He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for Second, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits, and all of the Federal and State Courts in Illinois.

Judge Flynn is an active member of St. Barnabas Parish in Beverly. He is listed in "Who's Who In American Law" and Who's Who In The Midwest."

Publisher's Pen

Bravo Italia (Italy)

We congratulate all the Italian Americans on Italy winning the World Cup in soccer! The game seems to be catching on more in the United States.

There are more soccer camps and now the astute mayor Steve Landon of Bridgeview brought soccer on the south side with a stadium for the Chicago Fire.

Village View sends deepest regrets to our staff member, Brigid Somodji on the passing of her Grandmother.

We also would like to remember Elizabeth R. Houston, mother of E.P. resident, Betty O'Connell. Mrs. Houston was the mother of six children, grandmother of 26 and great grandmother of 36 children. She lived a grand life of 98 years in her home with a niece. Mrs. Houston was the former secretary of St. Basil Parish. Mrs. Houston was buried July 12th, 2006 from McGann's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Cemetery.

A big surprise took place recently at St. Bede's Festival. While enjoying the band Sloppy Joe, Betty and Bob Sobcek, The Russells, and Paul Lausch and a few more people stopped to say hello. Bob Sobcek mentioned he has been appointed laison person for the Village of Oak Lawn. Bob would like to interact with the Oak Lawn Seniors within the center and within other senior group organizations. He will help assess the interests of seniors in Oak Lawn and help them to formulate their own interest groups within the structure of the Senior Center and their commissioners.

Well, it sounds like a mighty big job, but you have to meet Bob. We would like to have a column from Betty and Bob in the Village View Newspaper.

This is only the beginning for Oak Lawn Seniors. Get with it and get going on a new venture Oak Lawn Seniors. You can do it. At one time there were 160 independent senior groups under the Oak Lawn Senior Center umbrella. Rumor has it there are only 16 such groups at the present time. Are we waiting for the Baby Boomers? Let's get with it!

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Letter to the Editor

Access to Affordable Housing vital to Illinois Seniors: New law will create and preserve affordable housing for seniors and other low- income Illinoisans (184 words) Access to affordable housing is one of most critical elements to Illinois seniors maintaining their independence. Often the most affordable housing option is for a senior to remain in their own home. For many seniors this means the retrofitting of their home to address their changing needs. This spring the Comprehensive Housing Planning Act was introduced by Illinois state Senator Iris Martinez (20th District) and state Representative Julie Hamos (18th District) to make permanent Illinois' State Comprehensive Housing Plan, which was created in 2003 by Governor Blagojevich's executive order. The Act will create and preserve affordable housing, including the retro-fitting of homes for seniors and persons with disabilities, by coordinating the efforts of state agencies providing housing programs. AARP supported this legislation and worked with Senator Martinez to ensure that advocates for seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income persons would be included in the development of affordable housing plans. This legislation becoming law will help ensure the continued independence of countless Illinois seniors. AARP commends the Governor and the General Assembly for their commitment to addressing the critical housing needs of all low-income residents. Sincerely, Ralph Yaniz Regional Director AARP Midwest Region 773-714-4712 mailto:ryaniz@aarp.org

St. Francis Hospital Sponsors 4th softball game

Tickets are still available for St. Francis Hospital & Health Center's 4th annual charity softball game on Wednesday, Aug. 2, at Hawkinson Ford Field, 14011 Kenton Ave., in Crestwood. Game time is 6:30 p.m. Gates open at 5 p.m.

Come watch as St. Francis employees take on hospital physicians in this charity event to benefit the American Heart Association. Dr. Luke Pascale, a cardiologist at St. Francis Hospital for more than 50 years, will throw out the first pitch.

"This is a fun, summer family event with plenty of activities for both children and adults, and it benefits a great cause in the American Heart Association," said Mary Kobus, event coordinator. "We are hoping to draw more people for an evening of fun, and raise even more than last year to benefit the American Heart Association's annual Heart Walk."

Tickets at the gate are $7 each (adult) and $1 each (children ages 12 and younger), and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The event will feature food, games for the kids and raffles.

Save money by purchasing your tickets in advance! Get your tickets for $5 each (adult) and $1 each (children ages 12 and younger) by calling Mary Kobus at 708-824-4893.

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"Pain management is a rapidly expanding field of medicine," remarked Center Director David Roth, M.D. "As new medicines are found, we learn how patients respond to the different therapies."

The Pain Management Center is located at the Hospital, 2800 West 95th Street in Evergreen Park or for more information call 866-540-5264.

Annita John, M.D., one of America's Top Pediatricians and professional staff member at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Center, examines John Stillman durring his 5 year old check up.

Little Company Pediatrician named one of the county's best

The Consumers' Reaseach Council of America recently named Dr. Annita John, a pediatrician at Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers, one of America's Top Pediatricians. Only a select few health care providers who meet specific criteria receive this recognition.

"I am extremely honored to be recognized as a Top Pediatrician for a second year," said John. "I have always strived to provide the very best care and will continue to serve my patients and their families."

To learn more about the America's Top Pediatrician designation or to schedule an appointment with Dr. John, please contact her office at 773-238-1616 at 10237 S. Western Ave in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood.

Lipinski Calls On Congress to fix medicare prescription drug program

GAO Report Finds that Even Medicare Providers Cannot Explain Plans

Congressman Dan Lipinski, speaking on the floor of the House of Representatives, called on Congress and the Administration to help seniors by fixing the Medicare prescription drug program. Lipinski cited a new General Accounting Office (GAO) report that found that call centers run by private Medicare drug providers give inaccurate and incomplete information much of the time.

"It is absolutely inexcusable that providers seem to be incapable or unwilling to provide beneficiaries with good information," said Rep. Lipinski. "Our seniors should not be treated like this. Medicare must guarantee that these providers give accurate and complete information.

The GAO found that in most instances, drug plan providers were unable to give accurate information in response to simple questions about plan costs, low-income coverage, plan formulary procedures, and plan utilization management techniques. Specifically, the GAO found:

·The phone centers operated by private Medicare providers gave inaccurate or incomplete answers to two-thirds of the beneficiaries who called. Two Medicare plan providers gave bad information at least 75% of the time.

·Medicare drug plan providers were unable to provide critical cost information for seniors to choose among plans. Two GAO questions focused on which of the drug plans would provide seniors with the lowest out-of-pocket costs, and what these costs would be. Medicare providers failed to give accurate or complete answers to these questions over 70% of the time. In one case, the costs were underestimated by $6,000.

·Medicare providers often furnished conflicting answers, giving one answer on one call and a different answer on a second call. For example, some plans said that one of their plans was the least expensive on one call and then said that a completely different plan was the least expensive on a separate call.

This is the second GAO report analyzing the drug plan information available to Medicare beneficiaries. In May 2006, the GAO analyzed the information provided to seniors by the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, concluding that this information was frequently confusing, inaccurate, or incomplete. The new GAO findings show that the private plans are also failing to answer seniors' questions, leaving millions of seniors unable to get accurate answers to their questions about the Medicare drug plans.

"These findings also demonstrate another problem," continued Lipinski. "If Medicare providers do not yet understand these plans, how can we expect seniors to understand them? Congress must act to give seniors more time to sign up for a drug plan without suffering the lifelong penalty that is now being imposed. Seniors should also be given the option of changing plans immediately if their current plan is not working for them."

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Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are about to take on a new look. It is like being reborn. Friends and family seem to be in awe of your achievement.
Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A voice from your past reminds you of a promise you once made. They may ask you to keep it. It links with "*forgiving.*"
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I'm back at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th/ Midlothian] for mini-sessions July 24th, & my next Round Table discussion group [the July 12th discussion was special] is July 26th with the subject being "How to contact deceased loved ones. " Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 7th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights
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The Greatest Power (Pass this forward)

Some people insist that the "greater power" on Earth is God. Some say it is Love. Some say it is Electricity or Water. And, some truly believe it is Forgiveness. But, no one stops to reason that there is a power even greater than these. Without it, not one of us can realize living life itself. There is a greater power! No thing can exist without it. You who are reading this column today have this power and use it everyday in every way. It makes you equal to others & responsible for how you use it, not only to yourself, but to those others who share your life or come into your life even if they are only in your life briefly. The most powerful force on Earth was given to you at birth…you carry it with you wherever you go, & share it too with everyone you know. It's stronger than Diamond, iron or steel. It's there somewhere inside you & difficult to conceal. It is your Power of Thought, & it is lighter than a Feather. It is weightless. Without it you cannot reach God, love, or, do even the smallest task. Jacki Mari & Alyn

Burbank Park District news

Newcastle Park hosts the movie "Hoodwinked" on Saturday, July 29th from 8:30-10:30pm. Refreshments are available to purchase. The movie is free.

A traveling soccer league is in the South Suburban Soccer Association. A class will explore all avenues of the talent against other opponents. The cost for class is $60 residents and $75 nonresidents. The student will receive a uniform and pizza party at the end. The class meets on Saturdays starting September 9th to October 21st. The team will play 4 home games and 4 road games.

Join for the mom's and dad's night outs on Friday July 21 and August 18th from 6:30pm-12am to enjoy without kids. Cost is $14 for the 1st child and $10 for each additional child. All kids must be potty trained.

Defensive driving offered at Evergreen Park Community Center

The Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP will be offered at OCS, 3450 W 97th St. Evergreen Park, Illinois on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15 from 9am to 1pm. Attendance on both days is requested.

This refresher course reviews rules of the road for the mature adult. Sign up for the class in person or mail $10 check made payable to AARP to the OCS at the above address. Be sure to include your name, address and phone on the check.

In addition to updating your driving knowledge and skills, you may be eligible for a discount on auto insurance after completing the course.

Evergreen Park senior activities

Enjoy a cool afternoon at the HB Maher Community Center, 3450 W 97th St that is air conditioned and enjoyable. The heat is coming!

On Monday there is line dancing at noon and 1pm. (beginning and advanced); Monday is movie day at 1pm. Tuesday is cards at 1pm. Bridge is Thursday at 1pm and Friday is pinochle at noon. Phone 708-422-8776 for further data.

If you are an Evergreen Park resident experiencing heat problems, come to the center for relief. It is open 9am to 10pm Monday-Friday and on Saturday 9am to 5pm

Meals on Wheels available through OCS

The Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents 60 years and older who are unable to prepare meals at home.

Through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of senior Citizens' Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital, meals are arranged. Meals are delivered between 11:30am and noon on Monday through Friday: one hot meal for noon and one cold meal for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, phone Jolene Churak at 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could use this please inform them of the program.

Senator Edward D. Maloney completes regions leadership institute

State Senator Edward D Maloney. (D-Chicago) was among 37 selected lawmakers to complete a leadership training program that identifies and assists emerging state and provincial leaders in the Midwest.

Senator Maloney met with fellow lawmakers from Illinois, and 10 other Midwestern states and three Canadian provinces on July 7-11 in Madison, Wisconsin, for the Council of State Governments 12th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD).

"The leadership lessons I learned at BILLD have better equipped me to be more effective as a legislator in general and as a committee chairman in particular," said Senator Maloney.

"In a little more than a decade, BILLD has come to be recognized as one of the premier leadership training programs in a the nation," says Michigan Representative Jerry O. Kooiman, who serves as co-chair of the institute's steering committee. "Since 1995, more than 360 or our region's lawmakers have graduated from the Bowhay Institute and many of them now hold key leadership positions in their states."

Legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan were chosen to participate through a competitive, nonpartisan selection process.

Maria High school opens new computer center thanks to Comcast Foundation

Maria High School will open its brand new Computer technology Centered on July 20, 2006 that was powered by the Comcast Foundation. Alderman Burke was instrumental in partnering the Comcast foundation and Maria High School for Development of the Center.

Alderman Burke will be honored with the "Making a Difference in the World award" at the ceremony. The Comcast Foundation awarded $150,000 grant towards the development of the Center. The three-year grant will help bridge the digital divide by increasing access to computer technology and related training for students, teachers and members of the community.

Many residents in the community surrounding Maria High School are from low-income families who do not have access to computers at home. The US Department of Commerce (2000) indicates a considerable gap exist for African-Americans, Hispanics and low -income families in Chicago.

The Comcast donation will provide Maria High School and the surrounding area a state-of-the -art center. Through partnership with the Greater Southwest Development Corporation and SWOP (Southwest Organizing Project), Maria will become a unique high tech resource center for Chicago's Southwest side.

Alderman Burke said "I Applaud Comcast for reaching out to the southwest side and Maria High School to bring this Computer Technology Center to the community. It will be a tremendous benefit to students, teachers and anyone who wishes to attain computer skills."

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It seems I may have spoken too soon. Within hours of our eldest daughter becoming a married woman, I prepared for the slump I was sure would follow the wedding festivities.

The planning, the anticipation, it was all behind us now. So it was, with great pleasure, that we accepted an invitation from our youngest daughter Katie and, her boyfriend, Seth to meet with them at Navy Pier, along with Seth's parents, Mike and Cecelia, for a scenic boat ride. His brother Nick, his wife Becky and their darling little girl Katie, were also in town, visiting from Kentucky and joining in the fun of a holiday boat ride.

Seth and Katie met while both working for Shoreline boat company, so spending time cruising out on the water has become a special past time of theirs.

Navy Pier was wall to wall people that hot and sunny day - not all that surprising since it was the weekend before the 4th of July.

We boarded the boat and prayed for relief from the heat, by way of a cool breeze off Lake Michigan.

The double decker cruise ship was filled to almost capacity. As we soaked up the sun while drifting out to open waters we enjoyed the company of Seth's parents as we snapped pictures of the breathtakingly beautiful skyline as well as a few snap shots of a smiling Katie and Seth.

We listened intently as the history of Chicago's landmarks was being shared by a voice coming from the front of the vessel.

All too soon our leisurely boat tour was coming to an end but, unbeknownst to us, a celebration was just about to begin.

As we approached Navy Pier, I caught a glimpse of another boat that appeared to be heading straight toward us. Bill was the first to notice what seemed to be two supersized stuffed animals waving furiously in our direction.

His first reaction was to get Seth's little niece's attention. Little Katie was delighted when her 'Pops' picked her up to give her a better view.

Earlier on the Pier we saw many people with their pet companions so it seemed to make sense - this must be the 'Man's Best Friend' canine cruise. Or so we thought.

It only took a few moments for this other double decker sight seeing ship to line up with ours, side by side. As it slowly glided past, what did our unbelieving eyes see? A written message, as big as life, hoisted over the side wall of the sister ship that read, in big, bold letters - KATIE, WILL YOU MARRY ME?. Before we could open our mouths to speak, Seth was on bended knee, placing a sparkling diamond ring on our daughter's finger.

We parents shouted, laughed and cried as the enthusiastic passengers clapped and cheered for the newly engaged couple.

After the kisses, hugs and congratulations were doled out I jokingly thanked Seth for giving me a week to recuperate.

With the two mascot resembling mongrels still waving and jumping for joy, I had to ask Seth what was the purpose of the costumed, playful pooches.

Katie, he explained, has been bugging him to get a puppy for some time now. Seth is wise enough to know that since they live miles apart and Katie's landlord does not allow pets, a puppy for Katie equals a puppy for Seth to raise. Still, he kept her request in mind as he remembered a conversation they had when they talked about 'someday' getting engaged. According to Seth, Katie hoped there would be a puppy involved in the proposal.

We are finding out that our future son-in-law is romantic, funny and quite creative. Technically, he fulfilled her wishes. The furry, 7 foot pups were priceless.

It won't be long and the wedding paraphernalia will once again cover the dining room table. Thinking of all the things that will have to be organized and planned I can't help but also look forward to the year's worth of memories yet be made.

Hand in hand, Bill and I are hanging on for dear life as we now know, from experience, that the next 12 months will fly by in a flurry of shopping trips and family get together.

As reality sets in we're feeling blessed by a growing family, and so it is with happy hopeful hearts that we share this wonderful moment ~ Here We Go Again!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

The best and most beautiful things in the world be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. (Helen Keller.)

Photo: MPA students, Catherine and Charles, (front) work with Bob, Fran (back) and Nichole while MPA teacher Karen Danielewicz observes group creations

Morgan Park Academy students volunteer at Park Lawn

Students from Morgan Park Academy recently visited Park Lawn as a site for their annual Service Learning Day. Park Lawn was thrilled to welcome 12 upper school students to their organization so they could learn more about Park Lawn's mission to provide comprehensive services to individual with developmental disabilities.

The students and Park Lawn participants worked with Park Lawn's Art therapist, Sue Sawyer and created beautiful picture frames using puzzle pieces, fabrics and jewels. The group also toured Park Lawn's Vocational Training Center.

Oak Lawn Chamber sponsors gas raffle

The Oak Lawn Chamber wants to bring some relief to the wallets of three lucky people. To help soothe the sting felt by the ever-increasing fuel prices, the Chamber is sponsoring its first-ever Gas raffle.

Tickets cost $5 each or five for $20 and offer the chance to win one of the following prizes, provided by Oak Lawn Mobil at 10718 Cicero Avenue. 1st prize is a $500 gas card, 2nd prize a $250 gal card and 3rd prize a $100 gas card.

Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber office at 708-424-8300. The Chamber office is located 5314 W 95th St. Prizes will be awarded at the end of August. The winner does not need to be present.

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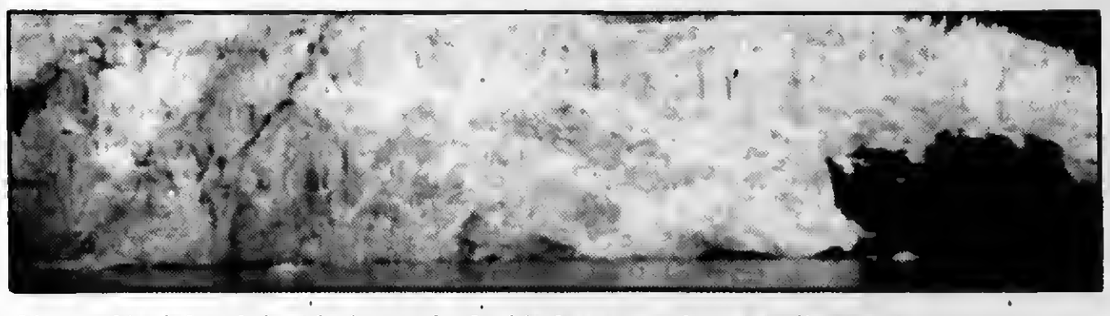

Photo; Glacial melt in Alaska on the Inside Passage; photo Marijo Doody

An Inconvenient Truth shows global warming

by Marijo Doody

"An Inconvenient Truth", a movie of Al Gore lecturing on global warming might sound dull and boring, but this documentary by Davis Guggenheim is hugely dramatic. It argues the world governments have little more than a decade to avert a planetary disaster.

Ocean temperatures are rising, ice is melting on the glaciers and more water is projected to be on the land! Gore is speaking to a small audience in black-box theater with a giant screen behind him. He shows a series of photos, charts, and graphs that clearly show how the earth's rising temperature fostered deadly heat waves and tropical storms that will only worsen if we do not curtail our use of fossil fuels.

Animated polar bears are trying to find ice, schematic ice glaciers are dropping into the oceans and there is more and more water. It shows half of California and Florida under water, India and China with massive floods and millions of peoples displaced. Why is not this movie playing on the south side!

While the movie-documentary shows some of Al Gore's life, in particular his sister's death due to smoking, and the effect on him. We all have known someone who died from smoke and its effect on us. The movie is compelling, passionate and committed. Gore is better than when he was in office.

The movie clearly shows the superiority of foreign made automobiles in better fuel consumption and the like. Perhaps that is why more buy them! I did just that years ago! A friend of ours had a favorite saying "see the world before you half to get off of it." We may not have an opportunity, as the world will go away from us! See the movie!

Oak Lawn Park District activities for week of July 17

• **Hockey Classes** - The Oak Lawn Ice Arena is still taking registrations for "Learn to Hockey" and Girls Intro to Hockey class. Call the ice arena for more information – 708/857-5173.

• **Special Consensus** - The Oak Lawn Park District is continuing their free summer concert series on Thursday, July 20 with the group Special Consensus - the nation's premier Bluegrass Band. This free concert will take place at 7pm at Worthbrook Park, 89th Place and Ridgeland Ave. For more information please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

• **Beat the Heat Open Skate** - Friday July 21 from 7:30-9:00 pm. C & M Pro Sounds will provide some "cool" music and enjoy $1 slushies at the Concession stand. Regular admission fees apply.

• **"Commit to be FIT" Health and Fitness Camp** - This new camp will focus on exercise and nutrition. Participants will receive fitness bands, jump ropes and educational handouts that they can keep. A healthy snack will be provided for each class. Comfortable clothes and shoes are a must! This program is open to those ages 10 -17. Fee for this program is $100 for Oak Lawn residents and $125 for nonresidents. Call the Oak Lawn Park District at 708-857-2200 for days and times.

• **Me and Baby Fitness Class** —This new fitness class is specialized for new moms and babies. This unique class allows moms to balance and revitalize the mind and body while bonding with baby. The program was developed to help strengthen the pelvic floor muscles in particular and align and balance the body in general as well as focusing on building strength in the abdominal, hip, leg and back muscles. This class also offers a much-needed community for new mothers and a welcoming setting for baby to relax and participate. Please bring exercise mat. Fee for this class is $94 for Oak Lawn residents and $109 for nonresidents. Call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200 for class days and times or visit www.olparks.com.

• **MLS Soccer Camps** — This year the Major League Soccer and Chicago Fire will visit Oak Lawn, providing a unique soccer experience for all young soccer players. Major League Soccer Camps continues to develop youth soccer players across the Chicago-land area with a professional, fun and technical camp to challenge any developing player. MLS Camps develops the talent for boys and girls ages 5 - 11 with its Play S.A.F.E curriculum, and challenges the truly competitive players ages 12 - 18 with its A.T.T.A.C.K. curriculum. As the official camp and clinic of Major League Soccer and the Chicago Fire, players receive exclusive privileges and rewards, including: a camp t-shirt, a companion voucher to see an exhilarating Chicago Fire professional game, a fun and challenging curriculum that teaches secret Fire players' moves and techniques, and an amazing post-camp Graduation event at the new Chicago Fire home in Bridgeview. Camps begin Monday, July 24. Camps for ages 5 & 6 will be offered at 9-10:30am and 10:30am-12noon. Fee is $69 for Oak Lawn residents and $75 for nonresidents. Camp for ages 7 -11 and 12 – 18 will be held from 9am -12noon. Fee is $95 for Oak Lawn residents and $99 for nonresidents. For more information contact the Pavilion at 708-857-2420.

• **"Passport to Fun" Ice Show** - July 29 at 5:00pm & July 30 at 2:00pm. Tickets are $7 adult, $5 for senior & child.

• **10th Annual Beach Volleyball Camps Powered by EVP® Tour** - It's time to take your volleyball GAME to the beach. A camp hosted by the Volleyball Professionals, features all the latest drills and training techniques that build your skills for the next level. Lots of volleyball games too, with fun and active instructors! The camp will concentrate on the fundamentals of passing, setting, and spiking. You will learn to overhand serve and play organized games. The lesson plan directs the use of self-mastery training that helps each student reach a new level. The knowledge of the instructors will give the participants a head start on their skills in preparation for the next upcoming volleyball season. All students will receive a "Volleyball Pro" evaluation, a 6 point test certificate and a camp T-shirt. This four-day camp is for 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th graders.

Camps begin Monday, July 31. Fee for this camp is $59 for Oak Lawn residents and $69 for non-residents. For more information contact the Pavilion at 708-857-2420.

• **Volleykidz® Beach Camp (grades K - 2nd)** - Volleykidz® is an introductory class for children K - 2nd grade. The lesson plan introduces the pass, set and spike using a very light volleyball. Volleykidz® will improve each child's hand/eye coordination and left/right coordination through the use of fun drills and gross motor games. Lesson plan also incorporates short educational drills including spelling, math & science. Camp begins Monday, July 31. Fee for this camp is $49 for Oak Lawn residents and $59 for non-residents. For more information contact the Pavilion at 708-857-2420.

• **END OF SUMMER POOL BASH** at Orland Park Recreation's Centennial Park

Join the fun on Wednesday, August 2 at this huge bash being held at Orland Park's Centennial Park along with kids from neighboring park districts. Choose to take part in many activities offered throughout the day. Bring additional cash to pay for activities, which include: Swimming at Centennial Aquatic Center-$6; Skatepark-$1. FREE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VOLLEYBALL, HORSESHOES, BEAN BAGS & INFLATABLE. Fee for this trip is $15 and includes lunch and transportation. You will depart from the Oak View Center at 10am and return at 4pm. This trip is open to ages 12 – 18. Registration deadline is July 26.

• **12th Annual George Shimko Basketball School - Summer Basketball Camp**

In 1994 the George Shimko Basketball School launched an extraordinary basketball program with the motto of "Good Students Make Better Athletes". This week-long summer basketball camp, open to those age 6 – 14, will help each player develop their individual skills as well as their team skills. GSBS Basketball's goal is to create a positive environment in which to teach young players the fundamentals of basketball. GSBS schools have instructed more than 10,000 young players. Enrollment is limited so register early. GSBS Basketball uses college and high school coaches, professional instructors and student athletes who work with George Shimko during this weeklong camp. Camp begins Monday, August 7. Fee for this camp is $159 and includes: GSBS T-shirt, GSBS basketball, Graduation certificate and Player evaluation form. For more information contact the Pavilion at 708-857-2420.

• **Free Outdoor Movie** - "Finding Nemo" Friday, August 18th at Memorial Park - 102nd & Major...8pm

• **Free Concert** - The Neverly Brothers "Rockabilly Meets British Invasion" Monday, September 4th at Wolfe Wildlife Park 109th & Laramie..12:30pm

• **Call of the Wild Labor Day** Monday, September 4, 200611:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Oak Lawn Park District Wolfe Wildlife Refuge - 109th & Laramie, Oak Lawn

10:30 am - 5th Annual 1-Mile Dog Walk - Free

11:00 am - 3rd Annual Doggie Talent Show - Free

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Pictured L to R: Mr. Brian Anderson, Foundation Member, Mark Miller (Oak Lawn), Meghan Hughes (Oak Lawn), Hollie Boetscher (Oak Lawn), Shannon Vidra (Hometown), Sara Martinez (Oak Lawn), Kimberlynn Hoff (Hometown), Ms. Laura Shallow, Foundation Chairperson, and Ms. Sue Smith, Foundation Vice-Chairperson.

Spartan Educational Foundation scholarship recipients

The Spartan Educational Foundation awarded six $1,500 scholarships to graduates of Oak Lawn Community High School District 229. The scholarships were made possible through the generous donations from area businesses, families, and community members.

The mission of the Foundation is to support continuation of education by acknowledging the achievement of Oak Lawn Community High School graduates through annual scholarships. The Foundation also provides resources for educational programs and activities that enhance the quality of education.

New DePaul program will enable business professionals to succeed in the Chinese market

With an economy that has averaged a brisk 9.5 percent annual growth during the last 25 years, China is projected to become the world's top trading nation within 10 years. As Chicago-area businesses seek partnerships to tap into this market, understanding Chinese business culture is becoming an essential skill for business professionals.

This fall DePaul University will offer a new certificate program, "Succeeding in the Chinese Market," which will help area professionals gain this valuable knowledge. Offered by DePaul's Management Development Center (MDC) in partnership with the consulting firm China Business Sources, the eight-session course will orient students to the cultural, political and economic environment of contemporary China.

The course will cover Chinese business operation models, consumer psychology and behavior, business etiquette and relationships, government procurement, sourcing and supply chain issues. Participants also will receive a general Chinese language overview for basic business purposes. "Trade between the U.S. and China has grown to $300 billion, resulting in an increased demand for programs that teach American business people how to work and communicate effectively in the Chinese business environment," said Gayle Landuyt, director of the MDC.

"DePaul's program offers practical knowledge that will prepare business people for the challenges and opportunities of doing business in China." Landuyt said the program is especially timely because of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley's May trip to China to promote Chicago business and the city's plans to open a Chicago business development center in Shanghai this year. "Succeeding In The Chinese Market" classes will meet Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for eight weeks beginning Sept. 27 on DePaul's Loop Campus.

For information and registration, contact Eilish McDonagh at (312) 362-5295 or emcdonag@depaul.edu, or visit the MDC Web site, http://www.learning.depaul.edu/about/centers/mdc.asp. DePaul's Management Development Center is a leading provider of management programs for individuals in need of focused learning and organizations wishing to increase the knowledge and skills of their employees. These pragmatic programs include both open enrollment and customized on-site programs covering a variety of traditional and current business topics.

Chicago Fire Department shares fire safety program with community

Children learn fire safety through the Survive Alive House

Saint Xavier University's S.T.A.R. Learning Academy invites the community to participate in the Chicago Fire Department's fire safety program from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, July 25, in Lot 1 at the University's Chicago campus, located at 3700 W. 103rd St.

Members of the community are encouraged to experience the Survive Alive House, an interactive and instructional facility. It simulates a house fire using special effects like non-toxic, artificial smoke, heat panels in bedroom doors and a street corner meeting place. Statistics show that since 1989, children who have participated in the Survive Alive House have contributed to a dramatic drop in fire-related deaths.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Saint Xavier University's S.T.A.R. Learning Academy at (773) 298-3485 or www.survivealivehouse.com.

Finding Your True Calling After Sixty

Boomers Everywhere Are Discovering Rewarding Second Careers

Mid- to later-life career changes are on the rise in the United States. As the baby boomers get close to retirement age, a large percentage of them are thinking about winding things down. Still, a significant number of boomers plan to continue working. In fact, according to a recent Merrill Lynch survey, roughly three-quarters of all boomers plan on working past the traditional retirement age. Many of these boomers want to make dramatic changes in their careers. Some lucky boomers may even find their "life's calling" at this stage.

Carol R. Baldwin, a sixty-something grandmother of 11, is one of these "late bloomers." She began her second career ten years ago after being inspired by a startling dream. After being prodded by her husband and her son, Michael, Baldwin decided to sit down and begin her second career.

"One night after my husband went to bed, I put pen to paper, and, like a hole suddenly blown in a dam, the book came pouring out," Baldwin says. "Sitting at a table between the kitchen and the living room, I pounded the keys for sixteen to seventeen hours a day while life went on around me. By the time the book was completed, I had lost twenty-five pounds and had eyes like a raccoon."

Until that moment, Baldwin had never once in her life considered becoming a writer. "I never even thought about it remotely," Baldwin says. "The cool thing about it is that once I started, the words just flew. It was like it was something I was meant to do and I have never enjoyed anything as much."

As she was deep in the writing of her book, *The Outlaw*, she realized that the Outlaw that she dreamed about was really her husband of over 45 years, Robert. Building on the essence of her dream, Baldwin created a story filled with hair-raising adventure, suspense, and romance. In the grand tradition of Constance O'Day-Flannery, Baldwin takes her readers back to the Northern Foothills of Texas in 1872. She delivers a fast-paced time-travel adventure of the American West.

Already hard at work on her third book, Baldwin is happy and comfortable in her new chosen career. "I consider myself to be very lucky to have finally discovered my love of writing," says Baldwin. "There is no telling where I might go from here."

Remy Bumppo celebrates ten years

by Marijo Doody

On the exciting theatre scene, Remy Bumppo Theatre has announced it celebrates its tenth year of think theatre. Under its Artistic Director, James Bohnen, it has been presenting thought- provoking plays since its founding in 1996.

Remy Bumppo at the Victory Gardens Greenhouse Theatre was invited to be the resident anchor- company in the newly renamed Victory Gardens Greenhouse at 2257 N Lincoln Avenue.

Victory Garden is slated to open at the Biograph Theatre north of the current location and will currently run the other location. Remy Bumppo will continue to run shows in the traditional second floor performance space.

Managing Director, Kristin Larsen says, "We are grateful to Victory Gardens Theatre for providing us with a venue for our work for the past nine years. We especially appreciate Artistic Director Dennis Zacek and Managing Director Marcelle McVay's generous vision of fostering new theatre companies. We believe the stability of an established residence will better position us for growth as we enter our second decade."

The 2006-07 season will include the following productions: "The Best Man" by Gore Vidal; "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard and "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw;

As a nation we seem to be loosing our innocence, but at this juncture a crucial question wc must ask ourselves. What kind of person makes a good leader? What do we value or better yet, what should we value as a President? "The Best Man" by Gore Vidal; provides the perfect launch pad for that discussion.

In "Mrs. Warren's Profession" by George Bernard Shaw, forging an ethical framework for ourselves when young is a challenge. When choices contradict a parent, critical steps toward adulthood are evident. Vivie Warren is forced into such an ethical cul-de-sac in the Shaw comedy.

In the contemporary play, "The Real Thing" by Tom Stoppard, when an adult, learning to love well and dceply while accepting all the complications and contradictions of a partner can be most challenging, but fulfilling work.

The plays, comic and heartfelt all, ask us to demand of ourselves and our country to shed the shied of innocence and grow up. To purchase tickets at the Victory Gardens Box Office, call 773-871-3000. For further information on Remy Bumppo visit the web at http://www.remybumppo.org.

Photo by CST

"Seussical" presented at CST

by Marijo Doody

In the program notes for "Seussical" presented at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, the shows creator, Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens (who collaborated with Eric Idle, in this adaptation of the works of Dr. Seuss) "almost had as many lives as the Cat in the Hat."

The production opens with E Faye Hunter (The Cat in the Hat) jazzy making her entrances and conducts the orchestra, wagging her tail. It gets the story telling off to a great start. Mitchell Hollis the Boy is easily understood. His trip in the bathtub is marvelous. What an imagination!

The story heart is both Horton the Elephant (Bernie Yvon) and Gertrude McFuzz (Brandy McClendon). She steals the show, whether singing, comedy or pleading her case of unrequited love. She is a hoot It's too bad she will only be with the show until July 23.

Many of the actors in the production are making their CST debut. Of those spoken with at the reception afterwards are Devin DeSantis (no relation to Tony, he gets asked all the time), Alexandra Billings (great comedic energy), and Jeff Award Winner, Rebecca Finnegan. Finnegan understudied a few rolls at CST.

The production has hand and finger puppets to add to the kingdom of joy. It is a delight for audiences young and not so young. It runs through August 20. Call 312-595-5600 for tickets.

At the reception, there was an ice crème social for all kids! One lady indicated her four- year- old child was too fussy so that was a year too young for the theatre.

If you are interested in a family outing- go to Navy Pier. There is something for both adults and kids.

Take public transportation! It is great.

Hinsdale Community House Players present Oliver

The Community House Players Summer Theatre presents the musical, Oliver! at 7:30 p.m. July 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29 and at 2:30 p.m. July 22, 23, 29 and 30. Oliver! is directed by Phil Nardulli with words and music by Lionel Bart. The producer is Dick Johnson, the Anchor of NBC 5 News Today.

All performances take place at The Community House, 415 W. Eighth St., Hinsdale in the newly renovated theatre which seats 260 people and includes a state-of-the-art sound system.

Nathan Sabo of Darien plays the title role with John Roeder of Oak Park as Fagin. The Artful Dodger is played by Kevin Martin of Downers Grove. Carrie Vaccaro of Willowbrook plays Nancy, and Brian Rotekl of Countryside plays Bill Sykes.

Actors from 19 different suburbs are featured, and intergenerational experiences abound with a cast ranging in age from seven to 70.

"More than half the cast have never performed with The Community House Players before," said Dick Johnson, producer. "That's a testament to our reach and reputation."

"The cast is comprised of very talented, hardworking, quality people who truly understand the meaning of community theatre," director Nardulli said. "The audience can look forward to outstanding performances in this production of Oliver!

A creative staff is has been assembled to share its collective talents. Vocal director is Tim Eisman, who won rave reviews for his title role in last summer's Joseph and the Amazing Colored Dreamcoat. The choreographer is the nationally known Nancy Bocek. Conductor Peter Lipari, who is internationally known, has handpicked musicians from the West Suburban Symphony to provide the best in orchestral musical.

Director Phil Nardulli is back for his fourth year directing for The Community House Players. A resident of Oak Park, Nardulli is well known for his incomparable artistic vision and exuberant directing style. Tickets are $20 for adults, $18 for children (12 and under) and seniors, (65 and over). The box office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. To order tickets, call 630-323-7500, Ext. 237. Tickets are available online at www.thecommunityhouse.org.

99th Street Players perform "Merrily We Roll Along"

The 99th Street Summer Theatre Festival closes the 28th season of with "Merrily We Roll Along."

The show will perform July 20,21 and 22 under the direction of Pat Haynes. Choreography is by Marci Caliendo and Michael Gutrich and musical direction by Patrick Mooney. Call 773-881-6512 for tickets.

Hubbard Street Dance next season in the world

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) goes International in the 2006-07 season. Works by choreographers are from Japan, Spain, Israel, Ireland, Germany and the good old USA. Besides their fall and spring programs at Harris Theatre of Music and Dance in Chicago, they will be visiting and performing in Portugal, Ireland, Germany and Canada.

The company will again collaborate with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in January 2007. This is the fourth venture, which has proved most successful over the last three years. Too bad it is not more!

After the CSO programming, the HSDC will tour in Texas, Pennsylvania, Florida and Mississippi. Three new dancers have joined the company. For tickets and additional information about the 2006-07 season go to www hubbardstreetdance.com. Single tickets go on sale on August 11 for the programs in Chicago. Call 866-535-4732.

Local musicians author book

Two local musicians on the southwest side, Denise LaGiglia and Anna Belle O'Shea have co-authored a 240 -page book for flutist, other musicians and music directors who minister in Catholic churches.

They have given presentations in local libraries, as in Evergreen Park, on "The Liturgical Flutist: A Method Book and More." The book serves as a textbook on liturgy and includes spiritual exercises for personal faith formation. Order from GIA Publications at www.giamusic.com.

Park Lawn Players perform Musical Review

Park Lawn is proud to present a Summer 2006 performance by the Park Lawn Playersin "Hot Fun in the Summertime".

The show will take place on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30pm at the Dorothy Menker Theater at Moraine Valley Community College.

Come out and enjoy the music of the choir of 32 individuals with developmental disabilities who are enrolled in various Park Lawn programs.

For more information about the show, please call Debbie Alba at 708-425-7377 or visit our website at www.parklawn.com.

Tickets for the show are $6.00. They can be purchased at Park Lawn Vocational Training Center, 5040 W. 111th St in Oak Lawn.

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Annual fundraiser benefits student scholarship program

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Registration for an individual golfer is $250, which includes green fee and cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. Raffle tickets can be purchased: one for $25 or five for $100. Prizes include a set of men's professional Calloway clubs, a set of ladies' clubs, roundtrip air transportation with American Airlines, and more than 15 other prizes. Winners need not be present at time of drawing.

Henry Bros. Co. is the presenting sponsor of the golf outing. Other major sponsors include American Airlines, Kinsella Landscape, Linear Electric, Inc., Ozinga Bros. Inc. and Tuitman Enterprises, Inc.

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President Judith A. Dwyer in American Executive Magazine

Featured in "Corporate Spotlight" column

Saint Xavier University President Judith A. Dwyer, Ph.D., was featured in the June issue of American Executive Magazine, discussing fund-raising efforts, the master campus plan and investments in technology.

In a story titled "Strong Campaign" in the magazine's Corporate Spotlight section, Dwyer discussed the challenges of fundraising for a midsized school in a big city.

"The projects we have put together are extremely ambitious and will require a significant amount of money. It's always a challenge, especially in Chicago, because there are so many universities and cultural centers with capital campaigns and fundraising efforts going on," Dwyer said in the article.

The magazine notes that fundraising efforts have been a top priority at the university to help support a dynamic 10-year master campus plan, which includes upgrading many of the university's facilities. The plan calls for a new library and science building as well as renovated space for the music and arts department, among other things.

"We want to provide our students and faculty with the most state-of-the-art opportunities. We can't start all of these projects at once, but we decided that constructing a new library and science center was where we wanted to begin," Dwyer stated in the article.

To complement Saint Xavier's master campus plan, Dwyer is heavily investing in technology, the article states. The university spends $4 million of a $70 million operating budget each year toward funding technology labs as well as wireless areas on campus.

"In fairness to our students, we need to prepare them for the world in which they will be working, and to do that, they need to have a good understanding of technology and the opportunity it provides," Dwyer said in the article.

American Executive Magazine is a monthly magazine that provides top-notch leadership information for senior executives. With more than 50,000 readers nationwide, it is designed to help top-level businesspeople keep up with the latest business news, technology trends, best practices and management thought-leadership. To read the entire article, visit http://www.redcoatpublishing.com/spotlights/sl_06_06_saintxavier.asp.

Saint Xavier University is a private, coeducational institution serving more than 5,700 students with high-quality academic programs. It offers 36 undergraduate majors and 32 graduate program options in five schools: School of Arts and Sciences, School of Education, Graham School of Management, School of Nursing and School of Continuing and Professional Studies. With campuses in Chicago and Orland Park, the University offers personalized education that emphasizes challenging undergraduate.

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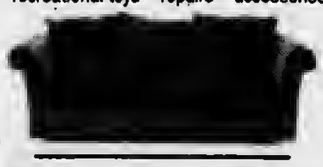

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Tinley Park approves letter of understanding

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a letter of understanding between the Village and the Cook County Highway Department at the June 27, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting for a judicial transfer of roadways (Oak Forest Avenue, Ridgeland Avenue and 175th street

This letter of understanding is in response to previous discussions regarding a jurisdictional transfer of portions of these roadways. Authorization was given to the village staff to negotiate the terms for a jurisdictional transfer of the designated Cook County Highway Department roadways at a meeting of the public works committee on February 7, 2006.

The first step in this process is to define the responsibilities of each party through a letter of understanding. Prior to acceptance each section of the roadway will need to be reconstructed by the Cook County Highway Department to meet village standards.

The Cook County Highway Department will be responsible for the cost of reconstruction, which is estimated at $5,000,0.00. The relocation and /or reconstruction of village infrastructure such as water, sanitary sewer and street lighting beneath the designated sections of roadway will then be the responsibility of the village at an estimated cost of $1,200,000.

The approved fiscal year budget includes $604,800 for the first phase, which is water replacement work. The projected annual cost of $12,500 will be added to the $1,750,000 pavement management program for maintaining the additional roadway; the remaining work will be considered in next year's budget. .

The board reviewed an ordinance at the for rezoning of property from R-3 (single family Residential to a B-3 (General Businesses and Commercial District) for a 14,000 square foot Walgreen Pharmacy and an approximate 6,000 square feet of retail space Walgreen's has agreed to modify the original proposed facade to match other existing structures in surrounding communities. Such upgrades would include pillars, additional stone work, dormers and face brick. Upon meeting with surrounding homeowners, Walgreen's has agreed to move the development further west which will allow the structures to be located closer to the 171st Street and 84th Avenue intersection.

Orland Park approves land parcel purchases

by Matt Mayer

The Orland Park Village Board at the June 19, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. approved to purchase land parcels along 153rd Street between Wolf Rd and West Ave. The owners and locations of the following properties are as follows: James H. and Melinda A. Martin at 10265 Hickory Lane for $3,000; PPH Homes, LLC, at 15257 Hiawatha Trail for $5,400; and Nicolo and Rosaria Carrivale at 10841 W. 153rd St for $2,600.

The board also approved an ordinance authorizing a development agreement for the development Main Street Village West at 16202 South La Grange Rd as well as a plat of subdivision for the for phase three of the project, which is subject to the approval of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Other highlights include: a request to waive the bidding process, and award a contract to Floors Inc. of Woodstock at a cost not to exceed $15,900 for a new wood dance floor at the Orland Park Culture Center as well as a request from Specialty Floors, Inc of Rockford for floor refinishing at the Sportsplex at a cost not to exceed $6,120. A request to purchase a 2006 Chevrolet Impala from Miles Chevrolet of Decatur, for $19,461 for the Village Manager was also approved.

The board awarded a contract to Videotech Corporation for the upgrade of the security system for the Finance Department in an amount not to exceed $7,100. A five-year banking services agreement with Fifth Third Bank for comprehensive banking services was also approved.

Moraine Valley Chorale ushers out July with patriotic concert

Listen to the Stars and Stripes come alive during Moraine Valley's Patriotic Chorale Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 29, in the Fine and Performing Arts Center's Dorothy Menker Theater on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy. Tickets are $12 for adults and $10 for students and seniors.

Directed by Nick Thomas, assistant professor of Music, the Moraine Valley Concert Chorale, along with an instrumental ensemble, will perform an evening of patriotic music including The Battle Hymn of the Republic, Stars and Stripes Forever, and God Bless America.

For more information or to order tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281

Don't miss this train as Thomas The Tank Engine Chugs into Union at Day Out With Thomas 2006: Come Ride The Tour

Union, Illinois - Thomas the Tank Engine is set to roll into Union for the Day Out With Thomas™ 2006: Come Ride the Rails Tour. The 11th annual U.S. tour visits Union as part of a ten-month ride on the rails that steams into heritage railroads in over 40 U.S. cities. Over 1 million passengers are expected to ride with Thomas the Tank Engine, the classic storybook engine, at these events in 2006. This fun-filled family festival offers preschoolers and their families the opportunity to take a 20-minute ride with Thomas the Tank Engine and is sure to engineer miles of smiles for every guest. The event, which takes place August 18, 19, 20, 26 & 27, will be hosted by The Illinois Railway Museum, WWW.IRM.ORG, at 7000 Olson Rd in Union, McHenry County Illinois.

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The 20-minute train ride with Thomas the Tank Engine will depart every 30 minutes, rain or shine, between 10:00 AM thru 5:00 PM daily. This event is expected to sell out, so advance purchase is recommended to ensure a choice of dates and times. Tickets for the Day Out With Thomas™ 2006: Come Ride the Rails Tour are $16.00 for ages two and up.

Tickets are on sale now and are available by calling toll-free 866.468.7630 or logging onto WWW.IRM.ORG. For more information and directions contact the Illinois Railway Museum at 1-800-BIG-RAIL or visit WWW.IRM.ORG.

For general information or to find a Day Out With Thomas 2006: Come Ride The Rails Tour event near you, visit www.thomasandfriends.com.

Day Out With Thomas is presented by HIT Entertainment, www.hitentertainment.com.

Smith Village transforms 80 year old retirement home in Bevery

Smith Village state of the art $65 million senior living community is an all new construction housing for senior living. There will be 152 one and two bedroom independent living apartments, 82 assisted living/memory support residence, 102 skilled nursing beds and two guest suites. Estimated move in time is in the late 2007 for independent living residents.

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for July 18th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find Numi, Beyond Logic & this column online in TheDailyPsychic.Com

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: This is one of those "I'd rather do it my way" weeks. Okay, then, do it your way because it will be the best way. A, J or S aids.

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Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Sometimes that path you are on seems long and difficult. But, think of it this way, *look at what you've learned!* G or N help.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Loving was the only thing that worked before and can live again. A deep and sincere love resides inside your memory.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Coming full circle seems to have become your way of life. Over and over and over again, but, you do succeed. L aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are about to take on a new look. It is like being reborn. Friends and family seem to be in awe of your achievement.

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Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: equality is tied to responsibility, and cannot be separated. This is a "*reminder.*"

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Someone who just loves to play pranks on others could end up on your list of "*people not to keep as friends.*" Old goals come alive.

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I'm back at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th/Midlothian] for mini-sessions July 24th, & my next Round Table discussion group [the July 12th discussion was special] is July 26th with the subject being "How to contact deceased loved ones. " Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 7th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

The Greatest Power (Pass this forward)

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Annual car show

Tinley Park, Illinois, July 7, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District will host its Annual Car Show on Sunday, August 6 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm in the parking lot of the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street. Pre-registration is being accepted now through August 4 at the Recreation Center. The fee of $14 includes a t-shirt, dash plates and eligibility for awards. On site registration will be accepted on August 6 beginning at 9:00 am for a fee of $18. Eighteen classes will be offered with awards in each class distributed at 3:00 pm. In case of rain, the show will be held on Sunday, August 13. Register early! Space is limited to 100 cars. Please call the Park District at 708/342-4200 for further information.

ABOUT THE TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT

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Tinley Park Library plans Teen Crafts

The Youth Service department at the Tinley Park Public library invite teens to explore their crafty sides a "Cmon, Get Crafty" on Tuesday, July 25 from 7-8:30pm. They will decorate school supplies-notebooks, folders and pens. Bring a spiral notebook. Other supplies will be provided.

Registration begins July 17. For more information and to register, call Youth Services at 708-532-0160 ex 2. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

WORLD SERIES TROPHY

The White Sox World Series Trophy will be on display at the Tinley Park-Park District's Bettenhausen Recreation Center, 8125 W. 171st Street, on Friday, July 21 from 3:30 – 6:30 pm. In addition to the trophy, this fun-filled event will include trivia games, prizes, highlight videos of the playoff and World Series ball games, free hot dogs for the first 500 visitors, a speed pitch machine and more! Have your picture taken with the trophy ($10 donation to White Sox Charities required) to create memories that will last a lifetime. Admission is free! This event is being co-sponsored by the Village of Tinley Park.

Karaoke competition to be held at Taste of Orland Park '06

Singing karaoke in Orland Park will soon elicit more than cheers or jeers from the audience. The final competition for Orland Park's king or queen of karaoke will be held at the Taste of Orland Park on Sunday, August 6 at 2:00 P.M. on the Community Stage. The top three finalists will then perform on the Main Stage at 5 P.M. All competitors must be age 21 or older.

"This is an exciting contest that began in June and July and culminates with the final competition at the Taste," said Village of Orland Park Media/Special Events Coordinator Patty Vlazny. "Orland Square Travel has generously donated an $1000 travel voucher for our grand prize winner," Vlazny said.

The semi-final competition will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:00 P.M. at R.C. Mulligan's. Of the twenty-one beginning the semi-finals at Mulligan's, twelve will participate in the final competition at the Taste of Orland Park on August 6. Each of the twelve finalists will perform two songs at the Taste.

Further information about the Taste of Orland Park Karaoke Contest is available by calling Vlazny at 708/403-6145.

Men's over 30 baseball league

The Tinley Park-Park District is offering a men's baseball league for players over 30 years of age. Teams play two games per week beginning August 20 at Vogt Woods and Tinley Park High School. Games will be held on various nights beginning at 7:00 pm. The non-resident fee is $875 and space is limited to 10 teams. Don't miss this great opportunity to play hard ball. Fee includes game balls, umpire fees and prize money. For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

South Suburban College encourages grant applications

South Suburban College (SSC) encourages high school graduates and returning students to apply for grant applications now. This is for the 2006-07 season. The majority of students who receive financial assistance for college will receive grants through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The earlier a student applies, greatly increases the chances of receiving some type of financial assistance.

Registration for fall is currently in progress at SSC. The college in district rate is $87 per credit hour, while the Chicago regional and Lake County rate is $102 per hour. Full time students can attend for about $2500 a year.

The college also offers several tuition waivers and scholarship opportunities. Fall classes begin August 21, 2006.

The United States Department of Education has re-certified SSC to participate in Title IV financial aid programs through 2012. Title IV refers to the Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant and College Work-Study Program.

Contact John Semple, Director Financial Aid, for more information at 708-596-2000 ex 2438.

A new theatre at the Chicago

The Chicago Theatre Downstairs is an intimate new 281-seat venue located on the lower level, The Legendary Chicago Theatre. The space enhances The Chicago Theatre's mission to increase the vitality of the Loop Theatre District and to produce and present a wide variety of first class entertainment.

It's quite cool in the downstairs to see the old photos, play bills and various memorabilia from days gone by. I have fond memories of old stage door waiting for some past stars that appeared at the Chicago Theatre live stage.

The space currently occupied by the Chicago Theatre Downstairs has seen many uses in its history. It includes a lounge, ice cream parlor, an in house electric shop, an usher training room, a live radio station and recently the theatre's executive offices.

The new theatre must have performers! Howard Perloff, producer, has brought in the two man show called "The Big Bang." It premiered off-Broadway in 2000. It is a musical history tour with non-stop laughter! From the creation to the current events in history, one splits their side! The play runs through August 20, 2006. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster. Call 312-902-1500. The play runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are $37.50.

The theatre is easily accessible by public transportation. Get off the round the loop elevator at State and Lake or on the Red Line. For information on the theatre visit the web at www.thechicagotheatre.com.

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Chicago Ridge approves Police Department promotions

by Matt Mayer

Village Clerk Chuck Tokar administered the oath of office to Dennis Kaplinski and Paul Landry for position of Deputy Police Chief at the July 11, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Jim Jarolimak and Tom Herman received the oath for the position of Police Commander and Police Officer Jim Trolia received the oath of office as Sergeant.

Dan Grant was also hired as a full-time police officer this is a lateral move Grant who is an Oak Lawn resident has served on the Bensenville Police Department for the past seven years. A fire department request to hire Daniel Ribaldo as a paid on-call firefighter was also approved.

Police Chief Tim Baldermann reported that the police department had conducted an ordinance violation check and had issued some 104 warnings for violations such as debris on balconies, tall weeds and grass, overflowing trashcans and dumpsters. Baldermann said that most of the residents and business had complied however 35 citations were issued for non -compliance.

Firefighter Jeff Babcock presented a Risk Watch Program update, which includes Ridge Lawn School as well as the newly acquired Ridge Central and Finley Junior High School. Babcock has also contacted Our Lady of the Ridge School in hopes they will join the program as well. This is a school children educational injury prevention program, in which students from kindergarten to eighth grade actively participate. Along with learning fire safety, the children also learn home and food safety as well as other safety issues, which may endanger their lives.

Boomer and Friends

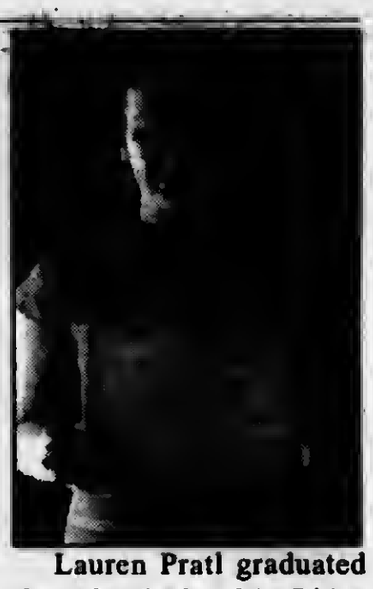
Worth postponed vote on consulting services

by Matt Mayer

The Worth Board of Trustees postponed to the next meeting an agreement with Ehlers and Associates of Warrenville for finance consulting services for $21,500. Beth Ruyle of Ehlers and Associates is from the same firm, which the village hired to perform the eligibility study for the tax increment finance TIF district that was unanimously approved at the June 20. Worth Board of Trustees meeting. The newly created Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district was created for blighted corner on 111th and Ridgeland Ave, the former Paul's Pluming Supply, which has been empty for some two years. In April the board expanded the boundaries, which now includes a small portion of homes.

The TIF district is roughly bounded by 111th and Ridgeland Ave to the east I-294 to the west slightly past 112th to the south and slightly north of 111th St, which includes additional businesses. A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

In other business, newly appointed Village Treasurer Barbara Maziarek endorsed a final budget proposal, which reveals a $50,000 surplus for fiscal year May 1 to April 30. The budget includes a one-year salary freeze for department heads as well as an increase a 3.8% increase in water rates and a 10% increase in contractor fees.



Lauren Pratl graduated from Our Lady of the Ridge in Chicago Ridge with 9 years of Perfect Attendance and no tardy days. Lauren has accomplished her goal since Kindergarten. She has been a honor student all these years and this year president of the Student Council. Congratulations Lauren.

Chicago Ridge Library is Wild About Reading

The Chicago ridge library has passes for the Brookfield Zoo available to library card- holders in Chicago Ridge. Each Wild About Reading pass allows four adults or children to gain free admission to the Zoo during regular hours. Parking is not included.

The Wild About Reading pass is available at the library on a first come-first serve basis. For more information on Wild About Reading Brookfield Zoo passes call 708-423-7753 or stop in at the library. Contact party is Kathleen McSwain, Library Director. The library is 10400 South Oxford Ave.

Sertoma Fantasy Baseball Camp

Thanks to Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center and a grant of $6500 from Cubs Care, a fund of the McCormick Tribune Foundation, 18 boys and girls were given a chance to learn the fundamentals of America's favorite pastime, baseball.

Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center Fantasy Baseball Camp started on Friday June 23 with a picnic and game between the Windy City Thunderbolts and the River City Rascals. Eleven of the campers and their families and friends showed up to cheer the Thunderbolts.

Board members, Gregg Jarman and Ron Molinets sat pondering how many years Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center has been sponsoring this event and finally settled upon 13 years.

Coach "Rock" Santiago of Plainfield, who also uses sign language interpreters, has been head coach of the camp for four years.

"Coach Rock is so kind and patient with these kids, he has such an even temper," said Dawn Leyden, mother of Bran, Eddie, Charlie and Sammie. Bryan, who has a hearing disorder, and the rest of his family have enjoyed and attended the camp for the last 4 years. "All the coaches are great," adds their Gramma Roberta, as the camp is primarily taught by volunteer high school baseball players. This year's coaches were John Nickas and Patrick Gleason from Stagg High School.

Speech pathologists, Rebecca Marks, thought the camp was a great opportunity for these children to have fun and interact socially outside of their designated school programs.

"I was excited to volunteer my time to facilitate communicating on the field using sign language for those who needed it. I had a lot of fun!" Marks said.

P.R. and marketing director, Kathie Gans comments, "Each year we add a little to it more. This year we had a closing ceremony where each camper received a certificate, metal and a goodie bag. I think it showed them how much they had accomplished in the week."

Sertoma is very proud of this program and how it has developed over the years. Campers and volunteers continue to come back year after year.

Sertoma is the only non-profit community based speech and hearing center in the south and southwest suburban area. They have been serving the community since 1978. For further information of Sertoma's Fantasy Baseball Camp, or to volunteer for next year's camp, contact Kathie Gans at 708-599-9500 or visit the website www.sertomacenter.org.

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*Num*Astrology & You

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by
Jacki Mari & Alyn

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for July 18th: I use Numerology w/Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials given if any can be first or last names of people. Find Numi, Beyond Logic & this column online in TheDailyPsychic.Com
Help me Network this column-Telafriend

Born on the 1st 10th 19th & 28th of any sign and Leo: This is one of those "I'd rather do it my way" weeks. Okay, then, do it your way because it will be the best way. A, J or S aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th & 29th of any sign & Cancer: So you have learned to speak up for your own needs. It's about time. You count too you know. This is a *win something* week.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st & 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Sometimes that path you are on seems long and difficult. But, think of it this way, *look at what you've learned!* G or N help.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd & 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Loving was the only thing that worked before and can live again. A deep and sincere love resides inside your memory.

Born on the 5th 14th & 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Coming full circle seems to have become your way of life. Over and over and over again, but, you do succeed. L aids.

Born on the 6th 15th & 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are about to take on a new look. It is like being reborn. Friends and family seem to be in awe of your achievement.

Born on the 7th 16th & 25th of any sign & Aquarius: A voice from your past reminds you of a promise you once made. They may ask you to keep it. It links with "*forgiving.*"

Born on the 8th 17th & 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: equality is tied to responsibility, and cannot be separated. This is a "*reminder.*"

Born on the 9th 18th & 27th of any sign & Pisces: Someone who just loves to play pranks on others could end up on your list of "*people not to keep as friends.*" Old goals come alive.

Ask about my Regular Psychic Services [office & by phone], Hypnotherapy & HypnoQuest, Psychic Counseling & self-help tapes. Call us at 708-597-5866. Try ePSYCHICanswers for 1 or 2 questions online [JackiMari.Com]. Psychic House Parties for 6 to 10 people/hostess free.

I'm back at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th/ Midlothian] for mini-sessions July 24th, & my next Round Table discussion group [the July 12th discussion was special] is July 26th with the subject being "How to contact deceased loved ones. " Psychic Mini-Sessions" at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 7th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend." I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights
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The Greatest Power (Pass this forward)

Some people insist that the "greater power" on Earth is God. Some say it is Love. Some say it is Electricity or Water. And, some truly believe it is Forgiveness. But, no one stops to reason that there is a power even greater than these. Without it, not one of us can realize living life itself. There is a greater power! Nothing can exist without it. You who are reading this column today have this power and use it everyday in every way. It makes you equal to others & responsible for how you use it, not only to yourself, but to those others who share your life or come into your life even if they are only in your life briefly. The most powerful force on Earth was given to you at birth...you carry it with you wherever you go, & share it too with everyone you know. It's stronger than Diamond, iron or steel. It's there somewhere inside you & difficult to conceal. It is your Power of Thought, & it is lighter than a Feather. It is weightless. Without it you cannot reach God, love, or, do even the smallest task. Jacki Mari & Alyn

Burbank Park District news

Newcastle Park hosts the movie "Hoodwinked" on Saturday, July 29th from 8:30-10:30pm. Refreshments are available to purchase. The movie is free.

A traveling soccer league is in the South Suburban Soccer Association. A class will explore all avenues of the talent against other opponents. The cost for class is $60 residents and $75 nonresidents. The student will receive a uniform and pizza party at the end. The class meets on Saturdays starting September 9th to October 21st. The team will play 4 home games and 4 road games.

Join for the mom's and dad's night outs on Friday July 21 and August 18th from 6:30pm-12am to enjoy without kids. Cost is $14 for the 1st child and $10 for each additional child. All kids must be potty trained.

Defensive driving offered at Evergreen Park Community Center

The Defensive Driving Program sponsored by AARP will be offered at OCS, 3450 W 97th St. Evergreen Park, Illinois on Thursday and Friday, August 14 and 15 from 9am to 1pm. Attendance on both days is requested.

This refresher course reviews rules of the road for the mature adult. Sign up for the class in person or mail $10 check made payable to AARP to the OCS at the above address. Be sure to include your name, address and phone on the check.

In addition to updating your driving knowledge and skills, you may be eligible for a discount on auto insurance after completing the course.

Evergreen Park senior activities

Enjoy a cool afternoon at the HB Maher Community Center, 3450 W 97th St that is air conditioned and enjoyable. The heat is coming!

On Monday there is line dancing at noon and 1pm. (beginning and advanced); Monday is movie day at 1pm. Tuesday is cards at 1pm. Bridge is Thursday at 1pm and Friday is pinochle at noon. Phone 708-422-8776 for further data..

If you are an Evergreen Park resident experiencing heat problems, come to the center for relief. It is open 9am to 10pm Monday-Friday and on Saturday 9am to 5pm

Meals on Wheels available through OCS

The Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents 60 years and older who are unable to prepare meals at home.

Through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of senior Citizens' Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital, meals are arranged. Meals are delivered between 11:30am and noon on Monday through Friday: one hot meal for noon and one cold meal for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, phone Jolene Churak at 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could use this please inform them of the program.

Senator Edward D. Maloney completes regions leadership institute

State Senator Edward D Maloney. (D-Chicago) was among 37 selected lawmakers to complete a leadership training program that identifies and assists emerging state and provincial leaders in the Midwest.

Senator Maloney met with fellow lawmakers from Illinois, and 10 other Midwestern states and three Canadian provinces on July 7-11 in Madison, Wisconsin, for the Council of State Governments 12th annual Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development (BILLD).

"The leadership lessons I learned at BILLD have better equipped me to be more effective as a legislator in general and as a committee chairman in particular," said Senator Maloney.

"In a little more than a decade, BILLD has come to be recognized as one of the premier leadership training programs in a the nation," says Michigan Representative Jerry O. Kooiman, who serves as co-chair of the institute's steering committee. "Since 1995, more than 360 or our region's lawmakers have graduated from the Bowhay Institute and many of them now hold key leadership positions in their states."

Legislators from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and provinces of Manitoba, Ontario, and Saskatchewan were chosen to participate through a competitive, non-partisan selection process.

Maria High school opens new computer center thanks to Comcast Foundation

Maria High School will open its brand new Computer technology Centered on July 20, 2006 that was powered by the Comcast Foundation. Alderman Burke was instrumental in partnering the Comcast foundation and Maria High School for Development of the Center.

Alderman Burke will be honored with the "Making a Difference in the World award" at the ceremony. The Comcast Foundation awarded $150,000 grant towards the development of the Center. The three-year grant will help bridge the digital divide by increasing access to computer technology and related training for students, teachers and members of the community.

Many residents in the community surrounding Maria High School are from low-income families who do not have access to computers at home. The US Department of Commerce (2000) indicates a considerable gap exist for African-Americans, Hispanics and low -income families in Chicago.

The Comcast donation will provide Maria High School and the surrounding area a state-of-the -art center. Through partnership with the Greater Southwest Development Corporation and SWOP (Southwest Organizing Project), Maria will become a unique high tech resource center for Chicago's Southwest side.

Alderman Burke said "I Applaud Comcast for reaching out to the southwest side and Maria High School to bring this Computer Technology Center to the community. It will be a tremendous benefit to students, teachers and anyone who wishes to attain computer skills."

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Evergreen Park amends building regulations ordinance

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance at the July 11 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting amending the verbiage of a section of the building and building regulations ordinance and adopt the 2006 international property maintenance code. A request for a front and side yard setback variance at 9626 S. Homan Ave as well as an ordinance approving a front and side yard variance at 9400 S. Troy Avenue was also approved.

Other highlights: The board approved the following business license requests: L G Wireless at 3140 W. 95th St, for retail sales of cellular services and phones; Family Dental Care at 2803 W. 95th Street and the Law Offices of Konstantious Sparagis, P.C., a law practice at 9730 S. Western Ave. A request from the Illinois Municipal League to designate a delegate and alternative delegate to the 93rd Annual Conference, on September 28 to October 1 was also approved. Mayor James Sexton will be the delegate and Village Clerk Kathy Apparo will be the alternate delegate. A request from Police Chief Michael Saunders to sell five municipal vehicles was also approved. .

The board approved a request from Plows Council on Aging for a full-page advertisement in their annual booklet for $200. as well as a homecoming parade request from Evergreen Park High School for October 6.

Mayor Heilmann, Oak Lawn is shown on the left Ed McElroy, host of "Community In Focus" which airs weekly on Comcast Channel 19, had the opportunity to have Oak Lawn Mayor David Heilmann on the program where they discussed the current happenings within the village. It will air on Tuesday, August 8 at 8 p.m.

Oak Lawn approves revised development plan

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a revised plan at the July 11, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting for the vacated 95th St Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district property for the Town Center. A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries.

The original plan was for a seven and eight story building, which would have been 85 feet high and included 190 condominiums, with retail space of 10,000 square feet. The new version will include two six-story buildings at a height of 56 feet and 130 units with retail space of 18,000 square feet. The original agreement with the developer Mid America also had a clause which stated that any condominiums built that were fewer than the 120, the village was also required to pay the developer $20,000 per unit.

Thought the negotiating efforts of Mayor Dave Heilmann and the village manager with the developer Mid America and Morningstar Group, the village was able to remove the clause requiring the $20,000 payment, bringing the cost for the village down to zero. The total amount in savings negotiated for the village is $1 million dollars.

Beginning in 2007, the village is required to begin payment of $725,000 per year to pay off the bond debt for the maximum life of the TIF, 23 years, unless the TIF is paid off sooner.

Oak Lawn Library news

The Oak Lawn residents can now check out free passes for Brookfield Zoo from the OLPL, 5300 W. 95th St. Each pass entitles the bearer to four free general admissions during the public hours. Parking and special exhibits are not included. The library passes are for Oak Lawn residents only for five- day loan periods. There is one pass per family per loan period. Non-residents should check with their home library.

Library displays for august are The Oak Lawn Camera Club collection of 35mm photographs by members and James Bailey of Oak Lawn will exhibit hand-painted miniatures in Civil war battle scenes.

Individual and local community groups interested in exhibiting special collections, activities and creative works at the library can pick up a display application at the reception desk. For information call 708-422-4990.

Burbank Park District news

There is a Spiderman Spectacular on Tuesday, August 8 from 5-6pm and the cost is $10 for age 3 to 6. Spiderman spins a web anytime, catches crooks just like flies and has hit Burbank looking for a Green Goblin. He needs your help! Enjoy a light snack and witness Spiderman in the flesh. This is an event your child will never forget. All children will receive a photo with Spidey.

The traveling soccer league starts September 9th. Competition is in the South Suburban Soccer Association.

Call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070 for more information. BPD is located at 8050 South Newcastle Ave in Burbank.

Ripper to address St. Patricia's Seniors

Deborah Ripper, Naturalist, with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, will speak before the St: Patricia's Seniors Club Wednesday, August 2 at 12:30pm at the Hickory Hills Community Center, 7800 W 89th Place, Hickory Hills.

Deborah Ripper has been assigned to the Little Red School house Nature Center in Willow Springs. She will explain the recreation and conservation available within the forest preserves.

Deborah Ripper is a graduate of Elmhurst College where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and Spanish.

Jacki Mari

See Jacki Mari on Page 6!

Friends of Oak Lawn Library request book sale donations

Put "gently used" books, magazines, CD's and videos to good use by donating them to the Friends of the Oak Lawn Library Ongoing Book Sale at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. You may fill out a short form at the library's Reception Booth to receive a tax letter by mail acknowledging your donation. Due to space limitation, the Friends will not accept Readers Digest Condensed Books, encyclopedias and older text books.

Funds collected from the book sale support library programming and purchases that are beyond their regular budget. Since 1978, the Friends have provided more than $250,000 in gifts to the library.

For more information, call 708-422-4990.

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Publisher's Pen

Carl L. Rosenbaum, Chairman of the Board at Prospect Federal Saving Bank, passed away Sat. July 22, buried July 26 from St. Catherine of Alexandria Church to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

He was a person of a quiet demeanor, but yet very well known within his Oak Lawn community of 43 years.

Carl served the 51 Stockyard Kiwanis and honored with a 30 year plaque. He was a devoted member of Worth Township Republican Organization for more than 35 years.

He raised his only child, Steven to know the value of conservative thought in government.

Steven Rosenbaum, President and Director of Prospect Federal Savings Bank and Trustee of the village of Oak Lawn, will sorely miss his dad, his best friend.

Carl also enjoyed baseball, he held a perfect attendance for his grandchildren games and was known to be their best cheerleader.

Lastly, his dear wife Mary was rarely without her husband. Surely, Mary will miss the engrossed conversations that the two usually shared before and after their nights out. Mary and Carl were an outgoing couple with a lot to offer to friends and family.

My deepest and sincere sympathy is extended to Mary, Steven and his lovely wife Sharon and their children for the loss of such a wonderful person as Carl.

My deepest regrets are extended to the family of Vely from Veli's Kofy Cup.

My neighbor received a phone call while in Wisconsin that Vely had passed away.

Sorry we didn't hear from Ollie or Mohammad but now we know.

I first remembered Veli when he owned Dimpys, located in the now parking lot of the Chevrolet Dealer on 95th, or where the bank parking is now located near it. Dimpy's was really a greasy spoon hang out, but I went there in 1974 and '75 when I was a salesperson for Village View.

It was so nice when Vely first opened the new Veli's Kofy Shop, which now also is nonexistent. Again, I spent most of my mornings at the coffee shop, before it became a larger restaurant. Vely was our customer and friend and surely he will be missed. "My tribute to Vely is the Albanian National Anthem which (Bob) would sing to him each morning."

MWRD hired study of secondary sewage treatment at each districts plants

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago has complete the preliminary phase a study to determine if the secondary sewage treatment at each of the District's Plants can reduce the number of antibiotic resistant bacteria that leave the water reclamation plan in the final effluent. Introduction of antibiotics to the urban water environment in this area is thought to result mainly from human excretion and from irresponsible disposal of those drugs via flushing into the sewers.

Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners said, " This report shows that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's secondary treatment of sewage is protecting the water environment in Chicago and Cook County.

We intend to continue to study the problem of antibiotic resistant bacteria in our plants and in the waterways as there is still a great deal to be learned about this issue.

In the meantime, we encourage everyone to dispose of all unused prescription drugs properly. Unused, unwanted or expired pharmaceuticals should be securely wrapped and put in the garbage, not down the drain or flushed into the sews.

O'Brien stated we need the help of the citizens of Cook County.

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GSA Consumer Information on Retirement

The GSA Government Citizen Information Center lists several publications that are free on retirement planning. Included are the following titles an order numbers for information (all are free)

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Taking The mystery Out of Retirement Planning: #634N (for 10 years away from retirement)

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Order at 1-800-8-PUEBLO. There is a $2 charge service fee. (8am to 8pm EST). Mail orders to FCIC-06B PO Box 100 Pueblo CO 81002. (Check made out to Superintendent of Documents) One can view publications on the Internet at www.pueblo.gsa.gov

They also have a publication titled Tips for Travelers with Disabilities which is $1. Id# 325N.

Cancer Center offers "Insights Into Music"

The Cancer Center of Little Company of Mary presents "Insights Into Music" on Thursday, August 17 from 7-8:30pm in meeting room 1 in the Cancer Center of the Hospital Music Therapist, Sue Ellen Roberts is the presenter. She will discuss your favorite styles of music and how they may benefit your health and well being.

The program is for cancer survivors, their families and those who support them. Refreshments will be served. Call 708-229-6001 for reservations and information. The Cancer Center of Little Company of Mary location is 2800 West 95th St in Evergreen Park.

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Doody's Doodlings on senior topics

by Marijo Doody

Homestead Instead offers senior care in our local area for compassionate care giving service for day surgery as a companion service to the elderly. They have hourly services, bathing services, sleepover service and a co-op shared service. Call them at 708-671-6000 before the surgery date for arrangements.

The other day while walking through Wildlife Park in Oak Lawn, a policeman was ticketing young people. They were caught smoking in the park and were under age. A comment was made that the place is a serene site and should be preserved for all seniors and young to enjoy. Hooray for law enforcement!

The RTA reduced fare permit is available to seniors 65 and over. It offers us seniors and qualified disabled persons to ride the RTA at reduced rates. The service includes PACE buses and Metra trains in the six county area served by the RTA. One needs to get a photo ID and it is done at various places such at the Worth Township headquarters, 116th and Pulaski.

Dan Hynes, State Comptroller, has put out a communication on Cemetery and Funeral Consumer Education. It is to educate the grieving family, and in particular low-income families, about the process for making final arrangements for a loved one. Families should know that the funeral home and cemetery are most often two separate entities and two contracts are needed. At the home ask for the license, price list of services or merchandise before death occurs and get a contract. Visit the cemetery, talk to the staff, and see about grave locations, prices and services. Ask for cemetery rules and regulations and the contract. Prearrangements can be done. Call Mr. Hynes's office at 1-877-203-3401 for added information.

The other night at the Cadillac Theatre, we met a real live four- time Tony Award winner. Tommy Tune who is 67 by media records starred in "Dr. Doolittle." A child in the audience said my grandpa who is younger could not move that fast! We found Mr. Tune most delightful in signing autographs, posing for photo shots with the kids and remembering Debbie and Carleton as this writer did.

Cook County State's Attorney, Richard Devine has put out a communication on Identity Theft. If you are victim, contact the fraud units (Equifax-800-525-6285); (Experian 888-397-3742); (Trans Union 800-680-7289); and Social Security (Administration 800-269-0271). Make a report with the law enforcement in your jurisdiction. Contact creditors by phone and letter and enclose a copy of your police report. If checks were stolen, report to the check verification companies (Check Rite 888-766-0008); (Chexsystems 800-428-9623); (Cross Check 707-586-0551); (Equifax 800-437-5120); (SCAN 800-262-7777) or (National Processing Co 800-526-5380) Stop payment and cancel accounts. If your driver's license is obtained, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles and ask to put a fraud alert on the license. The Identity Theft hot line is 1-877-438-4338.

Worth Township put out some communications on interesting topics for seniors. Among them are "Medicare Fraud; Detection and Prevention Tips and How to Report Them" Remember do not give out your Medicare Health Insurance Number to nonmedical providers. It is to your best interest that all citizens' report suspected fraud. Review your Medicare summary Notice when received and make sure you understand all the items listed. Call the provider if a mistake is made. They may have the wrong Medicare Number! The Office of Inspector general maintains a hotline at 1-800-447-8477.

Worth Township as do other townships, has the Mini-Bus service for senior citizens and adults with disabilities. Call 708-371-2900 ex 13 for the schedule in your area. The Township has lots of classes and activities for seniors. We all need to get out of the house and to be with people.

PLOWS begin celebrating its 31st year of service to older adults in the community. Their fund-raiser is an AD Book. Volunteers are needed to make follow -up calls to prospective advertisers. Call Diana Santolin at PLOWS 708-361-0219. Services from PLOWS may be some older adult's only link to the outside world.

Attorney General Jim Ryan of the State of Illinois has put out a publication on Crime Victims Compensation. One is eligible to apply for financial compensation if you are a person who was the victim of violent crime in the state, a survivor of a victim of violent crime and dependent on the victim for support and a relative of the victim who has incurred reasonable funeral or medical expenses. Crimes cited are murder, involuntary manslaughter, reckless homicide, kidnapping, and exploitation of a child, child pornography, and assault and battery, criminal sexual; assault, arson and violation of an Order of Protection. Call 800-228-3368 for an application.

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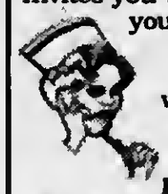

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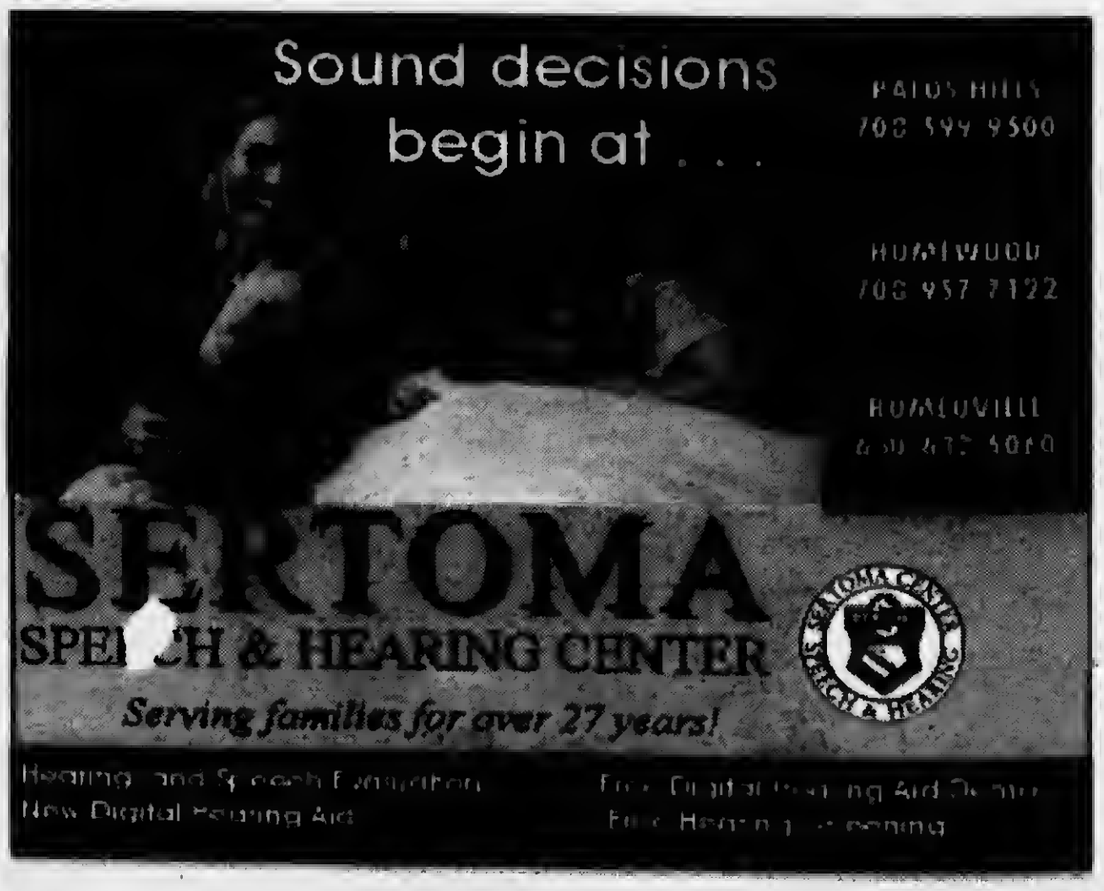

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*Num*Astrolgy & You

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Jacki Mari & Alyn
PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for August 1st using NumAstrology

This column in it's entirety is now available online ***TheDailyPsychic.Com Telafriend! Visit JackiMari.Com***

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Finish what you start. Don't ask questions. But, don't be a robot either. R involved and a B.
Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Don't let yourself become humiliated. Speak up. D and T know what is happening. Ask.
Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There is no worse feeling than being shut out or reduced to a zero. M sees it as it is.
Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: When you know something but may have to "choke on your own words" it's a no-win.
Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It takes more than words to show someone how badly you feel. F involved.
Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Sitting back and watching the world fall apart for the "few" is hard on decent people.
Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You will know good luck soon, so, don't give up. And a signal is given for a "go for it."
Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Changes are in the wind for you. Housing deals to take care of and finances too. J aids.
Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Don't even try to understand what is happening. Go with the flow of things. M helps.

And more...Mars influenced people [Aries/Scorpio] should look "beyond logic" and they'll realize that what counts in this world are results. A special note to Venus ruled people [Taurus & Libra]; never take your love for granted. And to Uranus ruled people [Aquarius] you're not fooling anyone but yourself if you accept things only because others want you to.

Announcements:

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It's at 7pm [Aug 9th & 23rd] for our discussion group of ***All Things Paranormal*** [subject for the 9th will be Self-Healing] at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] & mini-sessions Aug 14th & 28th. Psychic Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 21st from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Thought IS The Most Powerful Force Is Earth

Got a very angry call from a reader of this column disputing that "thought" is now and has always been the most powerful force on Earth. The person insisted that the most powerful force on Earth is God. Without the ability to think, one would not even know there is a God or that there isn't a God. Without thought one would not know about love, or if they are hungry, sick, or talented. They wouldn't be able to believe in anything without thought, no, not even God! God exists in Heaven, a place we all hope to rise up to at the time that we pass forward.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Meals on Wheels available through OCS

The Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents 60 years and older who are unable to prepare meals at home.

Through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of senior Citizens' Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital, meals are arranged. Meals are delivered between 11:30am and noon on Monday through Friday: one hot meal for noon and one cold meal for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, phone Jolene Churak at 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could use this please inform them of the program.

SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox hold fest

SS Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church of Palos Hills, Il. hold its annual Greekfest 2006 on Saturday, August 19 4:30 to -11pm and Sunday, August 20, 12:30-11pm.

The menu includes Greek chicken, shiskebob and gyros. Greek pastries will be abundant and delicious.

Green music and dance provide a festive backdrop to the games, kiddie rides and marketplace activities.

Donation for adults is $2 and children under 12 are free. The Greekfest is at 11025 S Roberts Road in Palos Hills. Please join for the wonderful event to benefit the many needs of the Church and its school, Koraes.

Friends of the Library hold Springfield trip

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host an all-day bus trip to Springfield, Illinois to visit the Lincoln Museum on Monday, September 11. Register in-person 9-11am Saturday, August 5 at the OLPL, 5300 W 95th St.

Travel by motor coach to the Illinois capital and visit the new Museum, part of the Lincoln Presidential Library complex. Enjoy a luncheon buffet at the Chesapeake House Restaurant. Cost of the trip is $73 and $78 nonmembers. It includes transportation, admission and lunch. The bus departs the library at 7:15am and returns at 9:20pm. The trip is not wheel chair accessible. Call the library at 708-422-4990 for registration after closing.

Evergreen Park Library and High School join for program

Evergreen Park Public Library presents "High School Musical". It is an outdoor sing-along version of the movie at Yukich Field, 90th and Kedzie in the northwest corner on Thursday, August 31, at dusk (around 8pm) by the Evergreen Park High School.

It is a free event! Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the E.P Library.

Community service hours are awarded to students in Junior High and above. Call 422-8522 to volunteer.

Open house from preschool

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. Oak Lawn, will be having an Open House on Wednesday, August 9th, 2006, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. The preschool is now excepting enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cepican, Director at 422-0193.

Spectacular news St. Gerald Carnival is coming back

St. Gerald Carnival is coming back on Thursday, August 24th - Sunday, August 27th. There will be rides and games for everyone. Music highlights include a The Shark Attack Band on Thursday, The Neverly Brothers on Friday, The Dennis Stella Experience (Elvis) on Saturday and The Music Company Polka Band Sunday afternoon and Dr. Bombay at night. Bingo and pull-tabs will be available all 4 days. An outdoor Mass will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 5PM on the church grounds. The event will be concluded with a raffle on Sunday for a Grand Prize of $5,000. For more information, call Theresa at (708) 346-0187.

Do you remember the Love Bug

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview and show a movie.

Bring a friend, family, lounge chairs, blanket, etc. to enjoy a relaxing cool movie night in hot August.

Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and reservations are required by August 7th.

The movie will follow the dinner. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening out with the family. The August program of Aglow is a relaxed entertainment with the movie "Herbie Fully Loaded" and popcorn and snacks will be furnished.

For more information regarding this program and dinner menu, call June Hamer at 708-424-1656.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

The Gift of Grandchildren

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They say that grandchildren are God's reward for not killing our kids in the process of raising them.

They are the grand reason that makes being empty nesters a bearable transition, for we all know that soon after marriage vows are taken, our babies will soon have babies of their own.

Recently our friend, Denise Esposito was awarded the precious gift of surviving parenthood.

With the birth of her grandson, Denise is dancing on clouds of blue and singing a merry tune only grandmas can sing.

In search of the best sentiments of grandmotherly advice, I searched the internet and here is what I found:

WHAT A BARGAIN GRANDCHILDREN ARE!

I give them my loose change and they give me a million dollars. (Gene Perret)

Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. (Gore Vidal.)

Never have children, only grandchildren. (Ogden Nash.)

When grandparents enter the door, discipline flies out the window. (Marcy DeMaree.)

You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother. (Dave Barry.)

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grand-baby around the finger of a grandfather. (G.Norman Collie.)

The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to florida. (Alex Haley.)

My grandchildren's sobs are mightier than the sword. (Kathe Campbell.)

Grandma always made you feel she had been waiting to see you all day and now the day was complete. (Lois Wyse.)

Nobody can do for little children what grandparents do. Grandparents sort of sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children. (Joy Hargrove.)

Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of their grandchildren. (author unknown)

Grandmother - grandchild relationships are simple. Grandmas are short on criticism and long on love. (author unknown.)

And finally.....

Grandmothers are just antique little girls! (author unknown.)

CONGRATULATIONS SAM AND DENISE ON THE NEWSEST ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY. GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

Little Company of Mary Hospital ongoing programs

The following programs are presented at Little Company of Mary Hospital on ongoing programs at either LCM in Evergreen Park or at Westfield Chicago Ridge Mall. Prostrate Cancer Screening, a two-part screening for men includes a blood test and physical exam. It is recommended for all men who have not seen an urologist in the past year, and are over 50. Have a family history of prostrate cancer or who are African-American over the age of 40. Both parts must be completed. Appointments are available from August 14-September 8 for blood screening and from September 18-23 for the physical exam. The fee is $35. Space is limited so call 708-423-3070 by September 1 to register.

Join Elizabeth Lanigan RN BS for the program "Ups and Downs of Blood Pressure" on August 7 at 9am in the Health Education Center of LCM. Blood pressure testing is included. Call 708-423-5774 to register.

Healthy Heart Screening is offered every Tuesday morning from 8:30-10:30am and Wednesday mornings from 7:30-10:30am. There is a $40 fee but tests are valued at $300. You will receive fasting instructions when you make the appointment.

In addition to complete Health Heart Screening, it includes a stroke screening/ carotid artery ultrasound an abdominal aorta aneurysm ultrasound, a peripheral vascular screening. The test is $119 and available by appointment. Registrations are limited. Call 708-423-5774 for registration.

Body Composition analysis tests your body fat and lean body mass and includes plans for reaching your ideal mass level. There is a $25 fee and is available by appointment. Reduce stress, improve circulation and increase flexibility through massage. The fee is $30 for ½ hour and 455 for an hour. It is available by appointment only.

Join the Evergreen Park Police Department as they present this month topic "Street Safety for Women" on August 14 from 9-10am in Health Education Center in Evergreen Park. Call to register.

The following programs are at the (WCRM) Westfield Chicago Ridge Mall; Joan Murphy RN Ph.D. will present "Angles" on August 22 from 1-2pm. It is free. Call 708-423-5774 to register.

Brian Blumerstein MD, a gastroenterologist, will be discussing common GI problems such as GERD, and ulcers. The free program is August 21 from 6:30-7:30pm. Call to register.

Joan Murphy RN Ph.D. will present in the program blood pressure and you the topic "Your Heart's Pump" in the Health Education Center WCRM on August 17 at 10am.

Join State of Illinois Senior Health Insurance for a free presentation on "Understanding Your Medicare Prescription Plan." The program is August 10 from 1-2pm at WCRM Health Education Center. Call to register.

Reduce stress, improve circulation and induce deep relaxation through the nerve endings in the feet. This is Reflexology. There is a $30 fee. Call to register by appointment only.

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Generations of senior citizens have embraced the spirit of community, care and support of Washington and Jane Smith Community and this landmark in Chicago's Beverly neighborhood is being transformed into a continuing care retirement community called Smith Village.

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CEO Michael A. Flynn of Smith Village said "we continue in the tradition established by our founders and residents will take advantage of a community where they can maintain a vigorous and healthy lifestyles. It is one of the most pleasant, contemporary settings designed specifically for the physical, social and spiritual needs of seniors." For more information please call Bunny Sugarman, Smith Village's director of marketing, at 773-881-4950.

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Letter to the Editor

Ref: What Oak Lawners's want!

We Want What?

We Oak Lawn residents want to have our Oak Lawn politicians take our money, so that they can give our money (bonds & or money for incentives) to developers and hand picked store owners for the 111th & Cicero Ave. TIF?

Since when have politicians done us much good? Their specialty is raising and creating taxes. Now why are they in real estate and the developing business again. Look at our track record on our other TIF's.

We will be paying more IF: 1) The TIF is a success for land will become more valuable and your property taxes will go up. Michael Stillman, President of the District 218 Board of Education for Richards HS and lawyer for the OL Planning and Development Commission states, "as a member of the Board of Education of one of those taxing bodies, I and my fellow board mem bers were convinced that the TIF and its development will not only help Oak Lawn but will act to increase all property values in the area, which in turn positively affects all taxing bodies by resulting in more tax revenues." If I read right, that means more taxes. OR 2) The TIF is a failure and the bonds will then be paid by us the residents.

We want a TIF so that we can go shopping? Be careful for what you want as you may get it. Dominicks was the anchor of a TIF in Oak Forest and pulled out leaving chaos for a good long time, not to mention debt. Dominicks also wanted to go into a south suburb and wanted a TIF and was told no by the town. Dominicks located in that town without a TIF.

How about private development under the old free enterprise system doing their thing when the economy is ready for it? OR Maybe you and I can become a developer or store owner with incentives and capitalize on the greed and we can get that million dollar house we always wanted! Just my opinion!

Beverly Ring

Medicare Steps up to Help the Chronically Ill

Medicare recognizes that often our sickest citizens fall through the cracks and do not receive the coordinated care that has been proven to help maintain health and quality of life. To address these concerns Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plans (SNPs) for the Chronically Ill were created through the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003.

A "special needs plan" or SNP is a unique approach to healthcare. Each SNP is contracted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to provide services to a specific segment of the Medicare population. There are SNPs for people who are institutionalized and SNPs for people who have specific medical problems. Some focus on diseases of the heart, lungs and kidneys. Other Chronic SNPs focus on diabetes, cancer, HIV, etc.

A lot of money over a lifetime

People with chronic illness represent the highest-cost and fastest-growing service group in healthcare. Roughly eighty percent of all Medicare dollars is spent for about twenty percent of Medicare beneficiaries. The majority of this twenty percent suffer from chronic disease. And, it is expected that medical costs for people with chronic conditions will nearly double by 2050. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services responded with the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 which created the SNP model as well as many other improvements in the management of Medicare dollars.

What is a "chronic illness"?

To qualify for a chronic Special Needs Plan, a physician must certify that the illness or condition is present. And, the illness or condition must be considered "chronic." The U.S. National Center for Health Statistics defines a chronic illness as one lasting 3 months or more.

A person needn't be suffering or experiencing the effects of the illness on a daily basis to qualify for a chronic SNP. For instance, let's consider a chronic SNP which has contracted to serve people with heart or lung disease. If someone had heart bypass surgery years ago, and feels better than ever, they would qualify. If a person with COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) is managing the condition well and is fairly active they would also qualify. And, the same with CAD - coronary artery disease (hardening of the arteries). A person with CAD can feel perfectly fine, but they still have a chronic condition as CAD lasts a lifetime.

Since many other illnesses can make a Medicare beneficiary eligible to join a SNP, it is best to contact the plan to assist in determining if there is a qualifying condition. With authorization for release of information, the plan representative or nurse would speak with the beneficiary's physician to obtain medical information about the condition.

Save money and get more benefits

SNPs include options that cost the beneficiary less and provide coverage that goes beyond Medicare's standard benefits. These additional benefits almost always include the new Part D prescription drug coverage and can also include preventive care and transportation to and from medical appointments, but *always* include care coordination - usually by a registered nurse. The nurse acts as the patient advocate ensuring the member has all the resources to maintain their health and quality of life.

And SNPs are complete health plans because they provide insurance for virtually all your healthcare needs, not just for your qualifying illness.

How can a SNP reduce costs?

The answer is through the caring ivolvement of a personal nurse assisting in the management of the illness.

A chronic SNP nurse is very involved in the members' healthcare, working closely with the member and physicians to:

·ensure access to ancillary services,durable medical equipment and home health services,

·assist with treatment compliance.

·educate on life-style changes to improve the management of disease.

·coordinate the care received from the different specialty physicians involved in the treatment.

·help the member understand the health plan benefits.

Who can Enroll?

Chronic Special Needs Plans are unique in that any Medicare beneficiary with a chronic illness can enroll *any time*. Many beneficiaries are well aware of a "lock-in" period in which beneficiaries are not allowed to change their health plans. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid made an exception when they created chronic SNPs realizing the value a chronic SNP can bring to a chronically ill beneficiary.

Currently there is only one SNP available to residents of Cook County that is specifically designed for those with chronic illnesses. As more are added and as their networks grow, these types of plans will offer more options to residents in more communities.

CMS Administrator Mark B. McClellan, MD, PhD said in an April 2005 Medicare News release, "Medicare Advantage plans are able to provide more benefits at lower costs by focusing on high quality, better-coordinated care with up-to-date benefits and proven approaches to keep people healthy. This is especially true for our beneficiaries with chronic diseases."

To learn more about these plans visit www.medicare.gov <http://www.medicare.gov> and click on the Search Tools option at the top of the web page.

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It's a good idea to have a guest book and gift book to keep track of things.

Don't forget to check with the restaurant regarding the room size, food and bar. You can also check with the Chef and the Bar Management personally.

Pick up your wedding rings, call the DJ, call the florist and the photographer as well as the video person to coordinate the schedule. If you have extra services, please contact them.

Make place cards for the tables. I want your wedding to be perfect. Be Happy. A Heart that loves Bonds.

Best Wishes,
Carlene O'Connor

Photo: Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas presents letter of greeting to Allen Rafalson, president of the Chicago Journalist Association, in advance of the Annual Awards Dinner4. It recognizes excellence in the profession and praises the Association for providing a forum for journalists to exchange ideas.

Pappas wishes Chicago Journalist Association the best

See if you have the best story of the year among print and broadcast media. Enter your best stories and win $1000 from the prestigious Chicago Journalist Association's annual Sarah Boyden contest.

All newspapers, magazines, other periodicals, radio stations and television stations in the 10-county Chicago area are eligible to enter.

Eligibility dates for publications or broadcast of nominations are July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. Nominations should include a cover letter summarizing the content of the entry, difficulty encountering in getting the story and results, if any. Print entries may be mounted. There is a $75 fee for each entry. Make checks payable to Chicago Journalist Association. Only one entry per category is permitted. The categories are as follows: spot news, investigations, features, photography, editorial, editorial cartoons, commentary, public service, beat series and sport story.

Be sure to think sports as last year we added the Dan Moulton Award for the best sports story in memory of one of the beat sports writers and CJA treasurer.

The ten winners will be honored at the CJA Awards dinner Friday, September 15 at the Holiday Inn Chicago-Mart Plaza, 350 N Orleans St. Chicago. The preeminent journalistic work in the ten categories will receive the Sarah Brown Boyden Award for Outstanding Journalism and a $1000 prize. Contest judges retain the right to withhold awards in any category.

Submit nominations to: Chicago Journalist Association c/o Susan S. Stevens, 1032 W Polk St. Chicago Il 60607. The phone is 312-733-1936.

Mt Greenwood Garden Club meets

The Mt Greenwood Garden Club meets on August 10, 2006 at 6:30pm in the Mount Greenwood Library at 11010 South Kedzie, Chicago.

Nancy Kuhaja-Garden Lecturer will answer your inquires on gardening, from turn to trees, veggies and violas. Nonmembers are always welcome.

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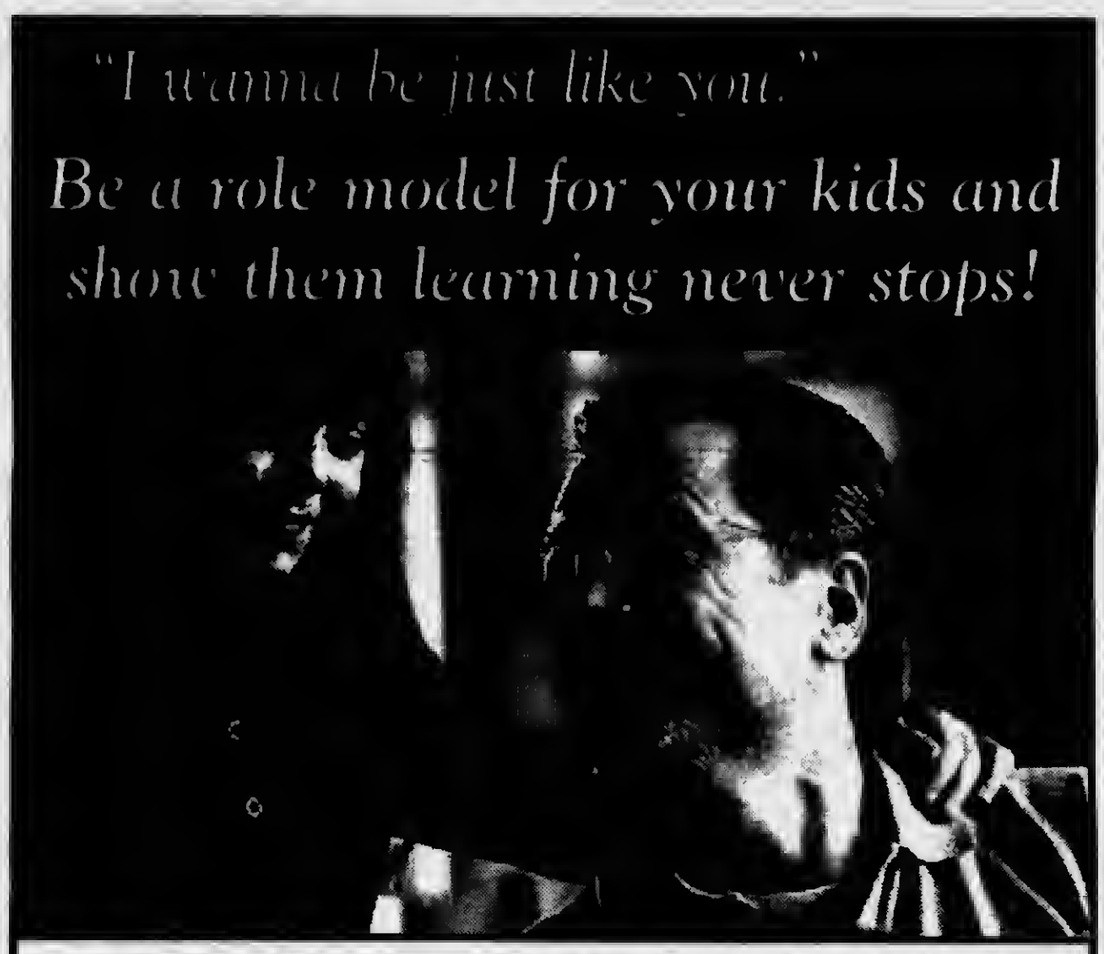

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Moraine Valley has free Shakespeare

On Thursday through Saturday, August 3-5 at 7pm The Moraine Valley Community College Fine and Performing Arts Center (MVCC) offer a FREE admission to Shakespeare goes punk when "The Taming of the Shrew" takes place at a college campus in the 1980's.

Bring a picnic, spread a blanket on the lawn and enjoy Academic Theater Department's production of the classic. Note: alcohol is not allowed on the campus.

In the event of inclement weather, the play will be held in the Dorothy Menker Theater. Food and beverages are not allowed in the Menker Theater. MVCC is located 9000 W College Parkway in Palos Hills. The box office number is 708-974-5500.

Update on Steppenwolf Theatre personnel

"Loves-Lies-Bleeding" directed by ensemble member Amy Morton traveled to the Kennedy Center following the run at Steppenwolf Upstairs Theatre this summer.

Amy will direct the opening of the 31st season with "The Pillowman" by Martin Mc Donagh which plays September 14-November 12, 2006. It stars Tracy Letts, Michael Shannon, Yasen Peyankov and Jim True-Frost. Playwright, Mc Donagh's play won the Oliver Award in London and had critical acclaim in New York (Tony nominee). Mc Donagh short film 'Six Shooter' won a 2006 Academy Award.

Shannon appears in 'Bug' which recently screened at the Cannes Film Festival Directors Night and will open nationwide December 2006. Ensemble member Tracy Letts wrote the screenplay for 'Bug' based on his stage play.

Tracy Letts' play 'August: Osage County' will receive its world premiere at Steppenwolf in June 2007.

For tickets to "The Pillowman" call 312-335-1650. They are $20-$60. Half-price tickets are available one hour before each show. Play times are Tuesday-Sunday at 7:30pm and Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3pm. There are selected Wednesday matinees. The theatre is located 1650 N Halsted. It is accessible by public transportation and is wheelchair accessible. On line ticketing is available at www.steppenwolf.org.

Southwest Symphony 2006-07 season announced

The Southwest Symphony announced their 2006-07 season with the following performances: Saturday, November 4, 2006 at 8pm is Arabian Nights and Other Legends at Trinity Christian College. The Christmas Past-Times is at St. Michael's on Sunday, December 3, 2006 in Orland Park. It is joint with Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley and St. Michael's Music Ministry.

Continental Crossroads is Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 8pm at Trinity Christian College. On Saturday, March 10, 2007 is New World Frontiers. Several choruses will join including Chicago Symphony Orchestra's Community Chorale, Community Renewal Chorus and Trinity Christian College Choir.

An Evening of Rodgers and Hart will be Saturday, April 21, 2007 at 8pm at trinity Christian College. The Oak Lawn Park District Voices of the Valley, Palos Sings! Chorus and distinguished soloists will be featured

For tickets and subscriptions call 708-802-0686. SWS mailing address is 5164 W 95th St Oak Lawn 60453.Season tickets deadline is August 31, 2006.

Dance Center of Columbia College opens season

The Dance Center of Columbia College opens the 2006-07 season with the Chicago premiere of the work "Bareback into the Sunset" by faculty member, writer and choreographer, Peter Carpenter. The performance is slated for September 14-16 at The Dance Center, 1306 S. Michigan Ave .in Chicago.

In "Bareback into the Sunset", a gay man struggles to find his place within the shifting landscape of the AIDS pandemic.

Carpenter has worked with a number of dance companies and has choreographic work related to the HIV/Aids since 1993. He was a recipient of the Chicago Ruth Page Award for Outstanding Choreography and Performance and a Joseph Jefferson Citation for Outstanding Theatre Choreography. He joined The Dance Center faculty in 2005.

The Dance Center of Columbia College is funded in part by the college's Critical Encounters initiative and The Richard Driehaus Foundation. Critical Encounters is an ongoing series of examinations of important social issues that focus, challenge and complicate the thinking of all members of Columbia College Chicago community. This academic year focuses on HIV+/AIDS.

Tickets are $22-$26. Call 312-344-8300 or visit www.dancecenter.org. Chicago Magazine named the Dance Center of Columbia College "Chicago Best Dance Theatre".

Science Museum holds new exhibit

A new exhibit comes into Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry on August 11 to December 3, 2006 is "Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause"

It is an exhibit from the Drug Enforcement Administration Museum (DEAM) that presents both a global and historical overview of many costs of drugs on society, as well as the drug trade's connection to terrorism. McDonald's Corporation presents the exhibit.

Most Americans are unaware of the tremendous costs associated with the production, sale and use of illegal drugs. The costs to society are estimated at over $60 million a year. They are borne by all of us in someway. The exhibit is designed to open the eyes to individuals, American society and the world. It will informpeople of how the illegal drug trade is caught and brought to justice with current science and technology.

Symphony Center starts with Macy's Day of Music

The free 10 hour music marathon explores the cultures and traditions of the Silk Road with a wide variety of classical, jazz, family and world music performances. Symphony Center opens its doors on Saturday, September 16 from 1-10pm for Macy's Day of Music: 10th Annual Free Music Marathon.

In the past over 12,000 music lovers attended. The day starts off with the 1pm performance by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago. Special guests from Hubbard Street 2 will appear. At 7pm the Chicago Symphony Orchestra will hold a concert conducted by David Allen Miller

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Building on the 150 year tradition, Macy's Gives will support causes in education, arts, culture, health and welfare. It will increase its focus on women's issues, HIV/AIDS and programs that assist youth and minorities through community grants and events.

Lyric Opera announces appreciation concert

Lyric Opera has announced a subscriber appreciation concert with Renee Fleming on Friday, October 6, 2006 at 7:30pm at the Civic Opera House.

Tickets range in price from $30-$125 and are available by mail. Call 312-827-5600.

SEE YOU AT THE THEATRE!

Oak Lawn Park district produces "My One and Only"

The Oak Lawn Park District Theatre production of "My One and Only" will run at the Oakview Center, 4625 W 110th St for two weekends: August [illegible] 11-13. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8pm and Sunday shows are at 3pm. Tickets are $19 adults and $18 seniors and children. Call OLPD at 708-857-2200 for information and tickets.

The show production staff is Brad Kisner, producer/assistant director; Tom Fagan, director/choreographer; Peg Mooney, musical director; Bill Hansen, conductor and Gil Oliva lighting and designs.

Local performers from Evergreen Park: are Matt Murphy, Kim Brines, Brian Brady, Deanne Heffron: Oak Lawn, Cassie Dawe; Chicago: Joe Claire, Brad Kisner, Jennifer Lenihan, Brian Whitlock and Marie Piotroski. Also in the Orland Park, Midlothian,Tinley Park and Oak Forest areas are Julie Tucker, Stacey Mallo, Emille Alcock, Heather Mortell, Lauren Carroll and Christina Conner.

Joe Petersen is from Chicago Ridge. From Monee, Hickory Hills, New Lenox, Mokena and Wheaton are Erin Kennealy, Amy Kazin, Dawn Schnolis, John Hillman, Reid O'Connell, Scott Podraza, Karen and Larissa Ejzak.

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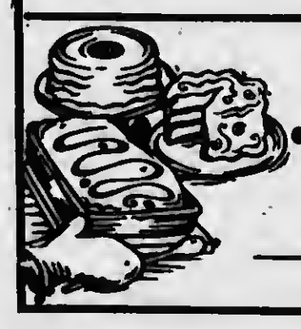

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How Do You Cope When A Pet Dies?

Death is an inevitable part of life and it is something that all pet-owners will have to face eventually. Here in the United States, the number of pet owners continues to grow every year. Right now, over 290 million Americans own nearly 378 million pets. With a $36.3 billion dollar pet industry in full swing, it seems that people aren't bashful about spending money on their pets, either. In fact, 55% of dog owners and 37% of cat owners even buy their pets gifts during the holiday season. The growing attachment that we seem to have to our pets means a growing number of people suffer great emotional distress at the loss of their pets.

One of the hardest things in life to deal with can be the loss of a pet. People of all ages develop strong emotional attachments to their pets. After Hurricane Katrina, it was widely reported that many hurricane victims refused to be evacuated because they simply did not want to leave their pets behind. It's clear that pets are valued as beloved companions and family members, and their loss can cut every bit as deep.

"When a beloved animal companion dies, we are faced with a profound sense of loss, and our faith and belief in God and our religion may even be tested," says Diane Pomerance, Ph.D., grief counselor and author of the new book, Finding Peace:

After the Loss of a Loved Animal Companion (Polaire Publications, 2006). "For many of us, the loss of our one true and constant friend—one who is pure of heart, faithful, and full of love—can somehow be the most devastating and disturbing loss of all."

As a certified Grief Recovery Specialist and the owner of fifteen dogs herself, Dr. Pomerance truly understands what animal-lovers go through after losing a pet. "The pain can be numbing and immobilizing," she says. Dr. Pomerance stresses that your grief is not trivial and should not be treated as such.

The loss of a pet can be especially difficult because there are so many people who don't understand how significant the bonds between pet and owner can be. People often struggle with the grieving process because there are no public comforting rituals such as funerals, memorial services and wakes held on behalf of animals. People often wonder how to express their grief in an acceptable manner.

"It's absolutely healthy for us to acknowledge openly and honestly and to express all of our feelings, and that we are missing and grieving the loss of one we dearly and truly loved," says Dr. Pomerance. "We should never be embarrassed to express our true feelings to friends and family members who are sympathetic and empathetic.

Dr. Pomerance's latest book, Finding Peace, represents the culmination of her four previous books that dealt with our relationship with our animal companions and the remarkable gifts and profound lessons they bring to us.

It is her sincere hope that the book will serve as both a spiritual resource as well as a practical guide to help people cope with and recover from the grieving process and life's adversities. "

It's important to know that we can recover from our losses and ultimately find the peace that we need to move on," she says. In addition to helping people recognize and confront their grief,

Dr. Pomerance wants to help people find their way through and beyond grief and loss of any kind.

Illinois Angels Fast- pitch tryouts

The Illinois Angels Fastpitch Softball teams offer girls, ages 10 through 18 the opportunity to learn and enjoy the sport. They emphasize the development of good character, sportsmanship and self-esteem gained through dedicated participation in competitive athletics' .The Angels are authorized by the Frankfort Athletic Association, an Illinois charitable not-for-profit corporation.

Schedule is as follows: Saturday, August 12: 12U 9-11:30am: 14U: 12:30-3:30pm. Sunday August 13: 16U: 1-3:30pm: 18U 3:30-5:30pm. Tryouts will also be on Saturday August 19 16U: 1-3:30pm: 18U: 3:30-5:30pm and Sunday August 20: 12U: 9-11:30am and 14U: 12:30-3:00pm.

Additional information is on the Internet at www.eteamz.IllinoisAngels1

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Sunday, August 13th

Parish Picnic - bring the whole family and join in the fun
Our annual parish picnic begins with the 11am Sunday Mass under the big tent. Picnic follows immediately afterward. We'll have plenty of hotdogs, hamburgers, ice cream, etc. on hand to purchase, or feel free to pack a picnic basket and bring your own.

Games will be set up, including horseshoes, bean bag toss, dunk tank, face painting and water fun for the kids. Special entertainment from **The Skylarks** all afternoon.

On Sunday August 13th the Grand Raffle Drawing will take place – enter your chance to become one of the lucky winners. First prize is $15,000 – only 650 tickets will be sold! Buy one for yourself or enter with your family and friends . Tickets are $100 and can be purchased on either day of the picnic weekend, or before then by calling the parish Rectory at (708)424-7471. ....Get your ticket early before they're gone !!

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Village of Orland Park to Host Taste of Orland Park 2006

The Village of Orland Park has announced a mouth-watering menu for its third annual Taste of Orland Park. Eighteen Orland Park restaurants will sell a variety of food and drinks during the three-day village sponsored event, August 4, 5 and 6, at the Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia.

Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk is again coordinating this year's event with Gira. "We have fine tuned the Taste of Orland Park, making it a wonderful collection of food, live entertainment, kids' activities, community groups and friendly competitions," Fisk said. "And, the weekend's festivities will culminate with a fireworks display Sunday evening," Fisk added.

Orland Park Health Inspector Sue Wagner is coordinating the restaurants' participation. "This year's menu is full of wonderful summer time favorites," Wagner said. "One of the best features of Orland Park's Taste is that nothing costs more than $3.00 a dish," Wagner added.

Two stages will offer continuous live entertainment throughout the weekend with the main stage showcasing a number of Chicago area bands playing all types of music. The community stage will feature children's entertainment, local organizations and a return performance of the Village of Orland Park Adult Comedy Improv Team Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The Orland Park Lions and Kiwanis Clubs will host Bingo/Raffle inside of the Orland Park Civic Center on Saturday and Sunday, respectively, while a Classic Car Show will be held at Humphrey on Sunday from Noon until 5 p.m.

Orland Park Media/Special Events Coordinator Patty Vlazny has coordinated the main stage musical entertainment and the karaoke contest for this year's Taste.

"Twelve finalists will perform in the final competition on Sunday, August 6 beginning at 2 p.m.," Vlazny said. This year's karaoke winner will receive a $1000 travel voucher, compliments of Orland Square Travel.

Chamber To Host Bean Bag Finals Another Orland Park competition that will culminate at the Taste is the Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce's Bean Bag Contest, the winning team of which will also receive $1000.

The Taste of Orland Park will be held at the Orland Park Village Center, 14700 South Ravinia Avenue, one block west of LaGrange Road/U.S. Route 45. This third annual event will be held on Friday, August 4 from 5 p.m. until 11p.m.; on Saturday, August 6 from 1 p.m. until 11 p.m. and on Sunday, August 6 from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Complete schedules are available by calling the Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/645-PLAY or 708/403-PARK or, by visiting the Village of Orland Park's website at www.orland-park.il.us.

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Brenda Sexton, Managing Director of the Illinois Film Office

Women's Network seminar announces key speaker

Maureen Niswonger, Chairperson of the 2006 PWN Conference has announced that Brenda Sexton, Managing Director of the Illinois Film Office, will provide the keynote address at "Making Connections, Getting Results," This annual regional conference for women in business is sponsored by the Professional Women's Network (PWN) and will be held on Thursday, September 28, at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Registrations are being accepted now through September 8. PWN members can take advantage of an early registration at $99 per member registration fee starting August 1 and $125 for nonmembers.

The conference will open with a breakfast reception beginning at 8:00 a.m., followed by the keynote address presented by Brenda Sexton, who will speak on the challenges she has faced and conquered in her climb up the corporate ladder. She has been in her position since April 2003 after a successful career in corporate real estate where she was President of Corporate Services in Chicago for a major national real estate firm.

In addition to her love of film and the arts, Sexton has studied acting, was a television model in Japan and spent two years in the advertising world working for J. Walter Thompson and Olgivy & Mather. Originally from New York City, she earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Denver, and lived for a year in both Japan and France before obtaining her Masters in International Management.

Besides providing film reviews for Reel Movie Critic, Brenda writes regularly for Chicago Social magazine focusing on celebrity interviews. She recently interviewed Brian Dennehy, Bob Balaban, Faye Dunaway, Sigourney Weaver and Halle Berry.

A resident of Chicago, Sexton is an officer of the Chicago Film Critics' Association, a member of The Women's Board of the Goodman Theatre, Vice President of the Executive Board of PAWS Chicago and an active member of The Economic Club of Chicago.

Morning break out sessions from three conference tracks are geared to the needs of entrepreneurs and professional women, followed by luncheon. The lunchtime panel presentation will feature three prominent business women.

The Professional Women's Network is a 230 plus member organization of entrepreneurs and professional women dedicated to helping each other develop their careers and enhance their businesses through educational programs, resource sharing and networking opportunities.

Information on the upcoming Conference or for registration forms. access the PWN website at www.professionalwoman.org <http:www.professionalwoman.org> or call (708) 937-5525.

Orland Park approves amendment for new police station

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an insurance amendment to the 2006 fiscal year, which will include insurance coverage for the new police station through September 30 2006 for $8,885,at the July 17, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting An ordinance amendment for the seizure and impounding of motor vehicles, which are involved in illegal activities, as well as a request to transfer funds from the village insurance fund to purchase a Chevrolet Impala Interceptor from Miles Chevrolet of Decatur in an amount not to exceed $21,818.86 to replace a police unit, which was totaled in an accident, was approved. Other highlights: regarding a traffic signal at 183rd and Wolf Road, the board approved a budget adjustment for $31,119.20 with IDOT for the engineering portion reimbursement of 70/30 for the engineering services; A contract was also awarded to McDonough and Associates, Inc of Chicago for engineering services and construction of a traffic light 183rd in an amount not to exceed $31,119.20

A request to award a contract to Hickey Electrical Contractors, Inc of Oak Forest to perform the underground road crossing work for the Old Orland Park area street lighting for $29,350 was approved as well as a contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering LTD. of Rosemont for engineering services for the structural inspection of site-specific flood protection elevation determination for flood-prone homes for $7,500. A request to approve a settlement for $110,000 to Great Lakes Trust Co (Mindy's) for the purchase of right of way at the intersection of 143rd street and LaGrange road was also approved.

Tinley Park's North Street project may be dead

by Matt Mayer

The board set a deadline at the July 25, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting regarding the North Street Development project. Negotiations between the village and L&H, the North Street developer, have reached an impasse. "Part, if not all of the North Street project, could be curtailed if we cannot close the impasse", Trustee Pat Rea said.

The debate is how the village and L&H would split the potential debt. The slated $65 million development at North Street and Oak Park Avenue would include 115 condominiums, a two-story, 11-screen theater and 40,000 square feet of retail space.

Opponents of the project have collected some 2,000 signatures. Opponents also said talk of the possible collapse is evidence that the village should be pursuing a smaller development of less potential debt. One staunch opponent said if they scale the project down it would be less of a risk. The bottom line, he said, is that it's going to fall on the taxpayer's laps if the project crashes. North Street supporters, however, are optimistic that the two sides will reach an agreement. The next meeting is Aug 8.

Jacki Mari

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Psychic Predictions

For all Signs for August 1st using NumAstrology

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Finish what you start. Don't ask questions. But, don't be a robot either. R involved and a B.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Don't let yourself become humiliated. Speak up. D and T know what is happening. Ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There is no worse feeling than being shut out or reduced to a zero. M sees it as it is.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: When you know something but may have to "choke on your own words" it's a no-win.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It takes more than words to show someone how badly you feel. F involved.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Sitting back and watching the world fall apart for the "few" is hard on decent people.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You will know good luck soon, so, don't give up. And a signal is given for a "go for it."

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Changes are in the wind for you. Housing deals to take care of and finances too. J aids.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Don't even try to understand what is happening. Go with the flow of things. M helps.

And more...Mars influenced people [Aries/Scorpio] should look "beyond logic" and they'll realize that what counts in this world are results. A special note to Venus ruled people [Taurus & Libra]; never take your love for granted. And to Uranus ruled people [Aquarius] you're not fooling anyone but yourself if you accept things only because others want you to.

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It's at 7pm [Aug 9th & 23rd] for our discussion group of ***All Things Paranormal*** [subject for the 9th will be Self-Healing] at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] & mini-sessions Aug 14th & 28th. Psychic Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 21st from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Thought IS The Most Powerful Force Is Earth

Got a very angry call from a reader of this column disputing that "thought" is now and has always been the most powerful force on Earth. The person insisted that the most powerful force on Earth is God. Without the ability to think, one would not even know there is a God or that there isn't a God. Without thought one would not know about love, or if they are hungry, sick, or talented. They wouldn't be able to believe in anything without thought, no, not even God! God exists in Heaven, a place we all hope to rise up to at the time that we pass forward.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Adults Invited To Audition for Orland Park's "Magic Island"

Village's Troupe Continues David Meyer Tradition for Fall Show

Adults, age 18 and older, are invited to audition for the Orland Park Theatre Troupe's adult fall show, "Magic Island."

Written by David Meyer, "Magic Island" tells the story of Maxwell the Magnificent, a famous magician who's being sabotaged and is determined to find out by whom.

For the last five years, the village's troupe has performed a David Meyer written show each fall, either a comedy or a mystery.

Jim Mazeika will direct this show with Frann Carnivele-Sidlow serving as producer and Irene Buikema being the show's executive producer.

Auditions are being held August 14 and August 15, 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue. Prior experience is not required. Once cast, participants must pay a registration fee.

Rehearsals are Monday and Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Performances will be October 20, 21 and 22 at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue. For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department at 708/403-PARK or 708/645-PLAY.

Village of Orland Park warns of Emerald Ash Borer Beetles

The Village of Orland Park is joining communities throughout Northern Illinois, calling on the public to learn to recognize and identify the emerald ash borer beetle (EAB).

The emerald ash borer is a small, metallic-green beetle native to Asia. Its larvae burrow into the bark of ash trees, causing them to starve and eventually die.

"It's estimated that nearly sixteen million ash trees have been killed in Michigan in the last year," said Orland Park Public Works Director Pete Casey, adding that thirteen counties in Michigan are quarantined.

"Orland Park is doing what it can to make residents aware of what to look for," said village Parks Director Frank Stec. "We've learned that the emerald ash borer kills trees relatively fast, affecting white, green, black, pumpkin and several horticultural varieties of ash, whether they're healthy or stressed," Stec added.

"The most important thing for Orland Park residents to do is to absolutely refuse to move firewood or purchase ash wood," Casey stressed. Residents should use only local firewood — even when traveling. Do not bring firewood or logs from other states or any areas that may become quarantined in Illinois.

Area residents who suspect that a tree has been infested with the emerald ash borer should call the University of Illinois Extension Cook/South Suburban Unit at 708/720-7500. The Illinois Department of Agriculture offers a toll-free hotline at 1-800-641-3934 for extension confirmed infestations.

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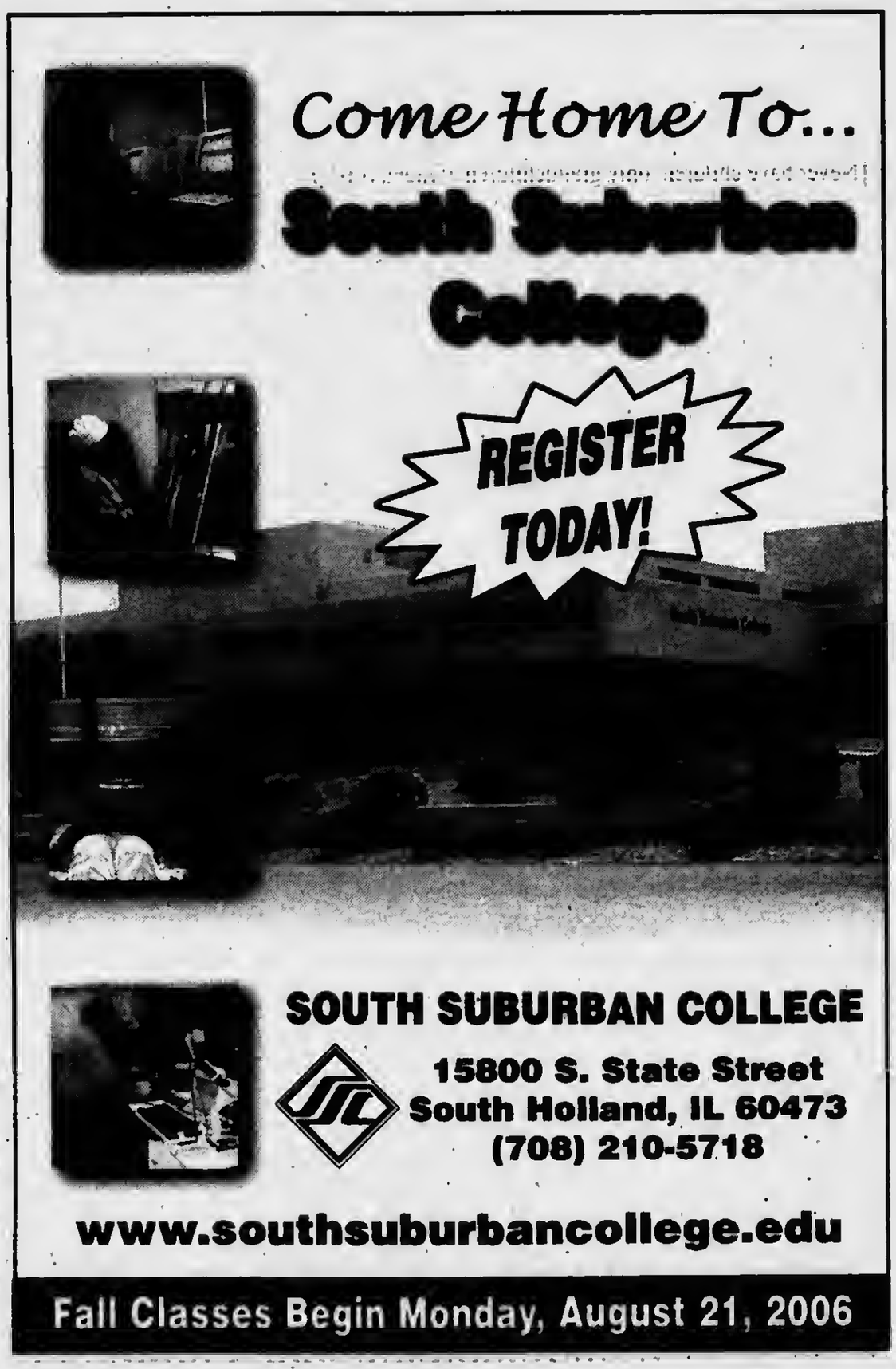

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Roche given two more weeks to comply with building codes

by Matt Mayer

Business owner Michael Roche, along with his attorney, appeared before the board at the July 25, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Roche has been cited with numerous violations over the years for his property located in the industrial park at 10008 S. Anderson Ave.

Roche has been at this location for nearly nine years and still doesn't have a business license. There are tractor-trailers and containers housed on the lot; auto related businesses also rent space.

However, recently Roche has made the most progress since he was first given a list at a December 2004 board meeting. This progress consisted of cleaning up his property, repaving the parking lot, removal of junk and debris and removing the housed trailers and containers. Officials are concerned in regards to what is being kept in the remaining trailers and containers, which he rents to trucking business owners. "In this day and age you need to be concerned, we need to know what is being stored in these units," Trustee Bruce Quintos said.

Roche was given an additional two weeks to finish the repaving of the lot. He was also ordered to remove the remainder of the debris, junk cars and clear a junk-packed area in the back of the lot in order to comply with the fire lane ordinance.

Mayor Eugene Siegel gave Roche a deadline of Aug. 8 to bring his property in line with village codes or face a permanent shut down of his business.

Worth Park Districts

Historical Museum events

On February 8th the US House of Representatives passed HR 389 and on April 6th the US Senate passed SR 437. Both the resolutions were passed in recognition of the vital role museums play in the fabric of our American culture. In honor of the "Year of the Museum" the Worth Historical Museum will be distributing their new book "The History of Worth, Second Edition," on August 2nd during the Park District's Open House from 6-8pm at 11500 Beloit. The Worth Historical Society holds monthly meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7pm. New members are always welcome.

On Sunday, September 24th, the Historical Museum will be sponsoring a trip to the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio plus a Walking Tour of Oak Park. Cost for the complete tour is $17 and does not include lunch. The bus leaves at 9am and returns at 2:30pm.

Richard Crowe will be visiting the Worth park District on Wednesday, October 11th. His presentation will begin at 7pm It is an hour fully slide-illustrated tour of Chicago's most haunted locations. After the program, there will be psychic readers including mediums, from "Enchanted," which recently relocated from Worth to Tinley Park. Readers charge $10 for 10 minutes.

To register for upcoming programs sponsored by the museum call the park district at 708-448-7080. Visit the web at www.aamus.org/yom for additional information about the "Year of the Museum."

Village wide garage sale in Worth

The Village of worth has a all village garage sale on the north side of 111th Street on August 4 and 5 and on the south side 111th St on August 18 and 19. Sale time is 9am to 3pm.

Worth proceeds with TIF

by Matt Mayer

The board approved a contract at the July 18 Worth Board of Trustees meeting with Ehlers and Associates for $21,500 to negotiate with a developer for the Tax Increment Finance district. Mayor Edward Guzdziol said the project for the village is very vague, with some retail space and some business space. "We have a rough idea and the project will be presented by Ehlers at this board. .Ehlers will perform the negotiations and will deal with assessors. They will also do all the negotiations for us. They will also come before the board and present their project proposal and suggest what would be a fair incentive amount to fund a developer," Guzdziol said.

Other highlights: An ordinance request to increase all business licenses by 10-percent was approved as well as an ordinance increasing all contractors licenses by 10-percent. An ordinance request to increase water rates by 10-percent was also approved. This increase is to help offset the loss of the water the village pays for, such as when a water main bursts.

The board also approved an agreement with Medinah Black Horse Troop for $800 and an agreement with Blade Runner Lawn Care for $700 for Worth Days.

Today, Congressman Lipinski joined by Congressman Tom Osborne (R-NE) announced the introduction of the Family Choice Act during a press conference at the Cannon Terrace in Washington, D.C. For more information please contact John Rattliff in Congressman Lipinski's office at (202) 225-5701.

Family star gazing at Lake Katherine

The Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens will be hosting its' second family astronomy night, Thursday, August 3 at 8:00 p.m. The program will begin with an orientation in the Brigid O'Malley Auditorium (7402 W. Lake Katherine Drive, Palos Heights). Following the orientation, participants will move outdoors for telescope viewing of the visible planets and the first phase of the moon.

The evening will feature guest astronomer, Joseph Mayer of the Chicago Astronomical Society. The society is America's oldest astronomical society founded in 1962.

"This is the second in a monthly series of astronomy nights at Lake Katherine" remarked Bill Sullivan, executive director for Lake Katherine. "The first night in July was a huge success. If you ever wanted to view the night sky through a telescope, this is a great opportunity."

All ages are invited to come explore the skies over Lake Katherine; children must be accompanied by an adult. Preregistration is required at the Nature Center. The cost is $2.50 per person or $10.00 per family. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call (708) 361-1873.

Letter from Recorder of Deed

Have you seen your deed lately? An interesting question when you consider that deeds are only examined at the time of purchase and the time of sale. A letter asking that question is being circulated primarily toward senior citizens. It implies that there my be something amiss with the ownership of your home. Thus, the question " have you seen your deed lately." The writer offers to provide you with a certified copy of your deed for the sum of $150.00, they do provide you with a certified copy of your deed. The problem is that the cost of deed and other documents acquired via the Internet have been reduced to 95% or .50 a copy. The author of the letter profits a hundredfold. If you get such a letter disregard it. The second document, Quite claim Deed can be dangerous if ignored. Quitclaim Deeds should only be executed and used under appropriate circumstances with the advice of an attorney. While a Quitclaim Deeds intended used is not to transfer a fee title, it can convey title. For that reason the Recorder of Deeds office now notifies the grantor upon the filing of a quitclaim Deed to insure that he or she signed and executed the deed for its intended purpose. This policy will reduce elder abuse in regard to Quitclaim Deeds and notify victims of the filing of Quitclaim Deeds. Should you receive a letter concerning your deed contact our office at 312-603-5050. Eugene Moore, Recorder of Deeds.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn
PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS:

For all Signs for August 1st using NumAstrology

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Finish what you start. Don't ask questions. But, don't be a robot either. R involved and a B.
Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Don't let yourself become humiliated. Speak up. D and T know what is happening. Ask.
Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: There is no worse feeling than being shut out or reduced to a zero. M sees it as it is.
Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: When you know something but may have to "choke on your own words" it's a no-win.
Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It takes more than words to show someone how badly you feel. F involved.
Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurns & Libra: Sitting back and watching the world fall apart for the "few" is hard on decent people.
Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You will know good luck soon, so, don't give up. And a signal is given for a "go for it."
Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Changes are in the wind for you. Housing deals to take care of and finances too. J aids.
Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Don't even try to understand what is happening. Go with the flow of things. M helps.

And more...Mars influenced people [Aries/Scorpio] should look "beyond logic" and they'll realize that what counts in this world are results. A special note to Venus ruled people [Taurus & Libra]; never take your love for granted. And to Uranus ruled people [Aquarius] you're not fooling anyone but yourself if you accept things only because others want you to.

Announcements:

Send for my brochure for all my Regular Psychic Services, P.O. Box 802, Oak Lawn IL 60454 We also do Hypnotherapy Sessions & Psychic Counseling. If you have only 1 or 2 questions you can go online to ***ePSYCHICanswers*** at ***JackiMari.Com*** I do Psychic House Parties [Host/Hostess is free]. Call **708-597-5866** to arrange them.

It's at 7pm [Aug 9th & 23rd] for our discussion group of ***All Things Paranormal*** [subject for the 9th will be Self-Healing] at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] & mini-sessions Aug 14th & 28th. Psychic Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] Aug 21st from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Thought IS The Most Powerful Force Is Earth

Got a very angry call from a reader of this column disputing that "thought" is now and has always been the most powerful force on Earth. The person insisted that the most powerful force on Earth is God. Without the ability to think, one would not even know there is a God or that there isn't a God. Without thought one would not know about love, or if they are hungry, sick, or talented. They wouldn't be able to believe in anything without thought, no, not even God! God exists in Heaven, a place we all hope to rise up to at the time that we pass forward.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Meals on Wheels available through OCS

The Meals on Wheels Program is available to Evergreen Park residents 60 years and older who are unable to prepare meals at home.

Through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of senior Citizens' Services and Little Company of Mary Hospital, meals are arranged. Meals are delivered between 11:30am and noon on Monday through Friday: one hot meal for noon and one cold meal for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, phone Jolene Churak at 708-422-8776. If you are aware of anyone who could use this please inform them of the program.

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Friends of the Library hold Springfield trip

The friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host an all-day bus trip to Springfield, Illinois to visit the Lincoln Museum on Monday, September 11. Register in-person 9-11am Saturday, August 5 at the OLPL, 5300 W 95th St.

Travel by motor coach to the Illinois capital and visit the new Museum, part of the Lincoln Presidential Library complex. Enjoy a luncheon buffet at the Chesapeake House Restaurant. Cost of the trip is $73 and $78 nonmembers. It includes transportation, admission and lunch. The bus departs the library at 7:15am and returns at 9:20pm. The trip is not wheel chair accessible. Call the library at 708-422-4990 for registration after closing..

Evergreen Park Library and High School join for program

Evergreen Park Public Library presents "High School Musical". It is an outdoor sing-along version of the movie at Yukich Field, 90th and Kedzie in the northwest corner on Thursday, August 31, at dusk (around 8pm) by the Evergreen Park High School.

It is a free event! Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the E.P Library.

Community service hours are awarded to students in Junior High and above. Call 422-8522 to volunteer.

Open house from preschool

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. Oak Lawn, will be having an Open House on Wednesday, August 9th, 2006, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. The preschool is now excepting enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year.

Trinity Lutheran Preschool, which began in 1984, is a state-licensed preschool for three and four year olds. The preschool provides opportunities and activities which help children develop and maintain their basic needs and encourage social, emotional, physical and cognitive growth. All readiness skills for kindergarten are experienced.

For more information, or to set up an appointment to view the school, please call Cathy Cepican, Director at 422-0193.

Spectacular news St. Gerald Carnival is coming back

St. Gerald Carnival is coming back on Thursday, August 24th - Sunday, August 27th. There will be rides and games for everyone. Music highlights include a The Shark Attack Band on Thursday, The Neverly Brothers on Friday, The Dennis Stella Experience (Elvis) on Saturday and The Music Company Polka Band Sunday afternoon and Dr. Bombay at night. Bingo and pull-tabs will be available all 4 days. An outdoor Mass will be held on Saturday, August 26th at 5PM on the church grounds. The event will be concluded with a raffle on Sunday for a Grand Prize of $5,000. For more information, call Theresa at (708) 346-0187.

Do you remember the Love Bug

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, August 10, 2006 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview and show a movie.

Bring a friend, family, lounge chairs, blanket, etc. to enjoy a relaxing cool movie night in hot August.

Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and reservations are required by August 7th.

The movie will follow the dinner. This is a great opportunity to enjoy an evening out with the family. The August program of Aglow is a relaxed entertainment with the movie "Herbie Fully Loaded" and popcorn and snacks will be furnished.

For more information regarding this program and dinner menu, call June Hamer at 708-424-1656.

Aglow International is an inter-denominational organization of renewed Christian women, with over 2,600 fellowships which regularly hold meeting, retreats and conference on six continents.

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Hickory Hills welcomes Ace Hardware

by Matt Mayer

At the Hickory Hills City Council meeting, an Ace Hardware corporate representative, along with the new owner of the Ace Hardware store to be located at the southwest corner of 95th and Roberts Road in the Hickory Palos Square shopping center, addressed the council.

The representative for new store development in the Chicago area presented a corporate profile of the company and explained that Ace is not a franchise, Ace is a dealer-owned cooperative, which began in 1924, when a small group of hardware stores in the Chicago area pulled their buying efforts together. The Oak Brook based company now has grown to some 4,800 stores coast to coast and internationally.

The owner-operator of the new store said they have been working approximately one year to secure a site in Hickory Hills. He said his father started the 4,000 square foot Ace Hardware building in 1956, which they currently operate at 104th and Kedzie Ave. in Mt. Greenwood.

The Hickory Hills store will be some 14,000 square feet. There will be approximately 20-25 employees, 3-4 full time and the remainder part time. He said they would strive to satisfy all the needs of the community. Occupancy is expected to take place by Jan. 2, 2007 and the store is slated to be operational by early March of 2007. They will also be taking employment applications in December or early January. City officials welcomed Ace to Hickory Hills.

Oak Lawn has new Police Chief

by Matt Mayer

Acting Police Chief William Villanova received the oath of office as Police Chief at the Aug. 8, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. He has been acting police chief since the retirement of Bob Smith in March. Prior to becoming acting police chief, Villanova was the Director of Detectives. "During his 29 years with the department, he has gained a reputation of being a cop's cop, who was not afraid of getting his hands dirty", Mayor Dave Heilmann said.

After the ceremony, Villanova thanked his predecessor, retired Police Chief Bob Smith for being his mentor and former Police Chief Frank Gilbert for appointing him Director of Detectives. In attendance were his wife Linda, his three children and three grandchildren as well as other family members and friends. Heilmann said that Villanova came up through the ranks, and has respect for the department as well as the trustees. "The village is in good hands with his dedication to the department and keeping the village safe," Heilmann said. A standing ovation followed the ceremony.

The three ordinances necessary for the creation of the 111th and Cicero Avenue Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district were postponed until Aug.16 at 6:30 at the Oak Lawn Senior Center 5330 w. 95th Street. This will give the board additional time to consider their votes - the agenda is available on the community channel. Trustee Marge Joy suggested the appointment of a task force to explore other alternatives for the 32-acre site other than a TIF. Vehicle stickers are on sale at the village hall, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. and on Saturday Aug 12. from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Stickers must be affixed to windshields by midnight Aug. 15, to avoid a citation.

St. Paul Lutheran Church picnic

The Saint Paul Lutheran Church annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 27. The 10:30 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion will be celebrated outdoors in the picnic grove behind the church.

The regular 8:00 a.m. Worship Service will be held indoors, as usual. Food will be served at 12:30 p.m. and continue all afternoon. Enjoy delicious brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken breasts and steak sandwiches. There will be a variety of side food items such as, saurekraut, homemade German potato salad and desserts, plus a selection if beverages at a very reasonable price.

For the children there will be games, races, gifts, and prizes. The adults and teen will enjoy the horse shoes and bean bag tournaments, plus our Thrivent sponsored free bingo games. You do not want to miss the annual egg toss, or the prize drawing for adults and children.

Come spend a delightful day with your family and friends, going to church and then staying for the picnic. St. Paul Lutheran Church and School is located at 4660 West 94th Street, Oak Lawn. If your have any questions, you may call the church office at 708-423-1040.

Burbank Park District news

Traveling Soccer League is a class that explores all avenues of the game of soccer while competing in the South Suburban Soccer Association.

You will be able to show your talent off against other park districts such as Oak Lawn, Hickory Hills, Worth Summit and Bridgeview. Your team will play 4 home games and 4 road games depending on enrollment.

Your child will receive a flashly uniform, trophy and a pizza party at the end of the season. The cost is $60 for residents and $75 for nonresidents. The class meets on Saturdays starting September 9th through October 21.

Jacki Mari

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Photo; Darryl Mazzuca, Little Company Credit Union Chairperson; Joyce Jackson and Jo Marie Gubernat, Credit Union supervisor

Little Company Credit Union celebrates 50 years

This year the Little Company Credit Union celebrates 50 years of success. The celebration began with a presentation of the Credit Union history and a visit from Joyce Jackson, Regional Manager, Illinois Credit Union.

Library collects used eyeglasses for VOSH

Put used eyeglasses to good use by donating them to VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. VOSH is a non-profit organization that provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to people in poverty stricken areas of underdeveloped countries.

Donations are accepted year-round at the library's Reception Booth. For more information, visit the VOSH International web site (www.vosh.org).

St. Albert the Great needs students

St. Albert the Great in Burbank is currently accepting new students for the 2006-07 academic year for all grades pre 3-8. Please call the school at 708-424-7757 for additional information or to schedule an appointment. Registration packets are also available at the rectory. St. Albert the Great school is located 5535 West State Road.

Registration for new families will also be held in school on Wednesday, August 16 from 5-7pm and Monday, August 21 from 9am to noon.

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Reminder for parents to get student physicals

With the coming school year the Worth Township Clinic is holding times for physicals and paper work for students in the township. The Clinic hours are Monday 9am to 7:30pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday hours are 9am to 3:30pm and Wednesday hours are 9am to 6:30pm. Parents need to accompany children under 18. Proof of Worth Township residency is required. Cash only, no insurance forms!

The clinic is located at the Worth Township headquarters 11600 S. Pulaski.

Cemetery visitation safety guidelines

The Cook County Sheriff's Office, Michael F. Sheahan, Sheriff is issued an advisory to area residents, warning them to be aware of a recent string of thefts at local cemeteries.

"At no time has violence of the threat of violence ever been used in any of the reported incidents but anyone visiting a cemetery needs to take some common precautions to avoid being victimized."said Sheahan. Now with weather letting up a bit, the following guidelines are cited:

1. Lock all car doors and do not leave any valuables in plain view in side the automobile.
2. Lock purses and other valuables in the trunk while visiting grave sites.
3. Do not make yourself a target by carrying your purse to the grave site.
4. Avoid visiting the cemetery alone.
5. Note the surroundings before exiting the vehicle. Report any suspicious vehicles or activity to the cemetery attendant or police.

For further information, contact the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department at 708-865-4700.

Photo; Corporate America Family CU 's President and CEO Richard Wellner thanks Frank Citro Sr. of Woodridge for 46 years of service to the credit union industry

Corporate America Family CU salutes Frank Citro

Corporate America Family Credit Union recognized Frank Citro Sr. of Woodridge for 46 years of service to the credit union industry with nearly five decades of service to the south suburban Chicago area. His most recent position was Business Development Liaison for the credit union's Burbank Illinois branch.

In May 1960 with an initial contribution of 25 cents, Citro became the first member and Treasurer of Chicago Federal Credit Union, established to serve members of Consolidated Freightways (CF) trucking company. That company grew big and he retired from driving after 31 years although he managed the credit union. He became full time and it had more than 2500 members and $7.2 million in assets before it merged with Corporate America Family CU in May 2004.

At the retirement party, it was said "pioneers like Frank are one of the many influential reasons the credit union movement has remained unique in the highly competitive world of financial services" indicated CEO Richard Wellner. "Making a meaningful difference in the financial lives of our members' each and every day, and I am honored to wish him the very best from his credit union family as he retires with our gratitude,"

It was a packed house

by Marijo Doody

Bob Brodsky recently had the final curtain. At 67, Bob passed from our presence due to liver cancer. He was gone in less than one month after the first indication of a health issue. I saw him only three weeks ago at the 99th Street Theatre and heard the news at the Oak Lawn Park District recent production.

At the funeral, Rabbi Caplan, delayed the start because of the huge outpouring of love by an overflow of mourners that was not expected. A second room was opened to accommodate everyone so they could be seated. The ceremony was both in Hebrew and English with the 23rd Psalm included by the cantor.

It was pointed out that Bob was an organized person who prioritized his days. An analogy was given with rocks, pebbles and sand in a bottle as to the important things in his life and to reprioitize at each stage of life.

He was married to Anne Marie for 37 years and his legacy was two sons and five grandchildren. He loved being 'grandpa.' His number one priority through his life was feeling family love. His company the family business included his sons since 1997.

After he retired, his warmth and encouragement were visible to those he touched in the athletic world as track coach at Mother McAuley High School and as photographer with the Beverly Arts Center (BAC), 99th Street Summer Theatre, Oak Lawn Park district, local high school and other community endeavors.

In his photography hobby all family events were documented and each son was given a starter photo album by Bob to treasure.

It was noted that only three months ago Bob was jogging 50 miles a week. His track hobby led him to be with the youth in the community. At the funeral many of his students and former track members were present. Bob would have loved the packed house at Temple Anshe Sholom. The procession of over 200 cars to the traditional Jewish burial showed evidence of all of Bob's treasures left behind.

Life is a journey! Sholom!

Robert J. Brodsky of Evergreen Park is survived by his wife Anne Marie, his children, Paul (Maria) and David (Cheri), grandchildren, Adam, Nathan, Lauren, Jared and Natalie and his brother Harvey (Barbara).

Memorials can be sent to the Temple or the BAC.

Patriotic Pride-Students, staff and volunteers of St. Louis de Montfort School, 8840 S. Ridgeland, celebrated their patriotism by arching in the first annual Village of Oak Lawn's Fourth of July Parade. Pictured fro left to right on the school float are St. Louis de Montfort student Michelle Fuks, Michael Fuks, Jade Ryerson, and Jimmy Foley.

Chronic Kidney Disease

(National Kidney Foundation)

Do you know ...

Having chronic kidney disease (CKD) increases your chance of premature death. People develop heart and blood vessel disease the number one cause of death among kidney patients.

More than 20 million Americans have CKD and do not even know it. More than 20 million others are at increased risk for developing CKD.

Early detection and treatment can keep it from getting worse and prevent complications like kidney failure, heart disease and death.

Your doctor should check to see if you are at increased risk and have some simple tests.

How do you know if you are at increased risk for CKD...

Your doctor or clinic should check to see if you have any of these risk factors for CKD and they include diabetes, high blood pressure, a family history of CKD, older age. CKD is also more common in African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian or Pacific Islanders and American Indians.

What you should do...

See your doctor and get tested which should include blood pressure, a simple test for protein in your urine and a simple blood test for creatinine.

The National Kidney Foundation (NKF) provides a free community-based health program called the Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP. It includes tests for early detection of CKD.

Call your local NKF affiliate. The toll free number is 1-800-622-9010 to find out the program in your community.

Most people do not have severe symptoms until the disease gets worse.

However you may feel more tired, have less energy, have trouble thinking clearly, have muscle cramping, swollen feet and ankles, puffy eyes in the morning and a need to urinate more frequently, especially at night and poor appetite and trouble sleeping.

Burbank Park District News

In this fun and creative class, the Park District will be playing with bubbles, painting with bubbles, and even eating candy bubbles! Every child loves bubbles and they will never forget this class. The date is Wednesday, August 23, at 10:15 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. for ages four and five and 11:30 a.m. until 12: 30 p.m. for ages 6 through 8.

The fee is $16 for residents and $20 for non residents. For more information call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070.

Worth Township Youth Commission's Apple Tree Program

'Apple tree' is a program that can help families with the financial difficulty of replacing school supplies for their children through the school year. The youth commission accepts school supplies and monetary donations all year.

The program is made possible by the generous donations made by local residents, businesses, church groups, schools and civic groups. Call Worth Township Youth Commission at 708-371-2900 for information. The wish list is numerous and includes many school supplies.

The following are needed: boxes of 12, 16, 24 or 48 Crayola crayons, thin and wide magic markers, Crayola brand preferred, pens, black, blue and red, erasable pens black or blue, #2 pencils black lead, red correction pencils, all color highlighters, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers and pencil boxes and plastic school boxes.

Also on the wish list are Elmer's School Glue, glue sticks, loose-leaf notebook paper, spiral notebooks, wide ruled-70ct, 3 subject and 5 subject notebooks, Fiskar scissors, pocket folders, protractors, compasses and wooden rulers, lined index cards, book covers and back packs.

Sisters of St. Casmir celebrate their Jubilee year

The Sisters of St. Casmir will open their Jubilee year with a Mass on Saturday, August 26, 2006 at 9:30am at the Motherhouse, 2601 W. Marquette Road in Chicago. The founding day was August 29, 1907. Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, Servant of God was Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Casmir.

The celebrant for the Liturgy is Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia-Siller, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago along with numerous concelebrants of priest who serve now or have served as chaplains at the Motherhouse over the past years.

"This is a sacred time for our Congregation and we are deeply grateful for the 100 years of service our Sisters have generously given to education and health care throughout the United States and Argentina" said Sister Immacula Wendt, General Superior. All are invited to join the Sisters as they celebrate with joy and thanksgiving the centennial of prayer, community and service.

Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, Servant of God, Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Casmir founded the congregation that would sustain and nourish the faith life of the early Lithuanian immigrant in the United States. They currently serve God and His people in Argentina, Lithuania and the United States.

The Sisters of St. Casmir offer hope and joy of a deep faith to the present world as they minister. In teaching and evangelization, care for the sick, the aging and others who are hurting, provide a sense of belonging to people of various cultures and they share Christ's special love for the poor.

They are active members of Southwest Organizing Project (SWOP) as well as other civic improvement organizations in their neighborhood community. They operate the Motherhouse Food Pantry that is a community resource for over 13 years. In the area's educational field they minister at St. Paul/Our lady of Villa Parish, Nativity BVM and Holy Family Villa along with Maria High School (MHS). Graduates from MHS have distinguished themselves as lawyers, engineers, doctors, educators and the like with the training at the National Service Learning Leader School and are responsible and committed citizens of their local community and the world.

Holy Cross Hospital in Chicago was founded in 1927 and is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Casmir. Its mission is to provide quality health care for persons of all races, creeds, nationalities and socioeconomic backgrounds and is an extension of the Sisters ' ministry.

Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, Foundress was elected first Superior General in 1913 and was reelected and served until her death for twenty-seven years with great humility and charity. She died of cancer, surrounded by her Sisters in an aura of sanctity.

Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, Servant of God, Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Casmir.

Upon her death, the city's prominent newspapers carried the headlines "Chicago mourns its second Cabrini." Since 1979 the pursuit for the Beautification Cause started and numerous documents were translated into English and sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in Rome. In 1986, Rome named Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, 'Servant of God'. In 1999 a book known as 'Positio' was compiled and it is under review by the Office of the Congregation of Saints.

Mother Maria Kaupas SSC, was known as a woman of hope and she continues to instill this hope in hearts of all who know her.

Summer concerts in the park

The Tinley Park-Park District presents the final Concert in the Park for the season on Sunday, August 20th featuring the Arts Alive! Chorale and Jazz Band. The concert will be held at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center band shell, 8125 W. 171st Street beginning at 6:00 pm. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for a wonderful evening of music provided by our talented Arts Alive! musicians. FREE! For additional information, please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

Tinley Park, Illinois, August 11, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District's Vogt Visual Arts Center presents the 6th Annual Dollhouse and Miniature Exhibit featuring Ed Froh's Riverview. The exhibit will run from August 7 through August 26. The VVAC is located at 17420 S. 67th Court and is open to the public on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, Thursdays and Fridays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm, and Saturdays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. Come out and enjoy this wonderful exhibit.

For additional information, please contact the VVAC at 708/614-6503.

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor, August 5, 2006

I am responding to Mr. Pete Doherty's letter about me and I hope your will print it without editing it. There are several aspects that need to be addressed, but I will concentrate on the most important ones now. It is clear to me that his letter is intended to ridicule, demean, embarrass, and intimidate me. As one person said, she is taking the heat for daring to disagree with the public officials. I have quoted research that states "Study find that cities without TIF's grow faster" www.igpa..uillinois.edu, etc. Mr. Doherty uses words like rantings, whining, bitter, empty, angry, sore losers, as though they deal with ideas and issues. Ridicule, intimidation, etc, is another way to repress free speech and dissemination of ideas. There is no democracy without a free exchange of ideas.

"Equal time for free speech" was my point when I stated that Mayor Heilmann would not let the Kmart attorney speak during the BOT meeting as he let the consultants for the TIF speak at length during the meeting. The only time that the Kmart attorney was allowed to speak was when she signed in before the meeting to speak in the 3 minute time limit before the BOT meeting.

Neither Mr. Doherty's letter nor mine would have been necessary had the Board of Trustee meetings been televised on our public government station. The BOT meeting should have been put on TV from day 1 of this administration's term beginning May 2005. That, to me, makes more sense than Email from day 1. The BOT meetings and 3 minute public speaking should be broadcast live and again the next morning so that all residents have a chance to view them. Copies of the BOT meeting should be available so that residents can check them out at no charge. All residents have the right to see on TV what is going on in the Village. Many people cannot make the meetings for a variety of reasons. There is no reason that they are denied the right to be informed in this day and age. That also means there will be no spin from anyone.

Beverly Ring, 10605 S. Kilbourn Ave., Oak Lawn, IL 60453, 708-422-1038. (signed) Beverly Ring

Longtime Orland Park Resident and Business Owner Mourned

Horse Drawn Caisson to Lead G. Merrill Cooper's Funeral Cortege

" One of Orland Park" longest living residents passed away on Tuesday, August 1, 2006. G. Merrill Cooper, 89, died of complications from congestive heart failure at his Union Avenue home in Old Orland.

"Merrill" Cooper, as he was known, was born and raised in Orland Park and the name Cooper has long been associated with the village's history.

According to the Orland Historical Society, Thomas and Ellenor Cooper married in 1845 and came to the Orland area from Wisbech, England around 1850. The Cooper Farm was located at 153rd Street and West Avenue.

George Merrill Cooper was born to Raymond Merrill Cooper and Hattie Adele Cooper on April 20, 1917.

"My dad was born in the white farmhouse that still stands at 151st and West Avenue," said Bruce Cooper.

Merrill Cooper's father, Raymond, died from complications from a car accident when Merrill was seven years old. His mother, Adele Cooper, was the first female to serve on the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees, serving as Village Clerk from 1930 to 1941.

Merrill Cooper attended school through tenth grade at Orland Park School, 143rd Street and West Avenue, hitch hiking to Parker School in Chicago for grades eleven and twelve.

"Merrill began his first business when he was just seventeen," recalled longtime family friend Carole Binder. "He had an ice cream shop at 143rd Street and Union, where the Oasis Restaurant is now," she added.

"Along with the ice cream, he sold fireworks for the fourth of July each year," Bruce Cooper said, noting that people came from all over the area to buy fireworks, which were legal at the time.

During World War II, Merrill Cooper served in the Confidential Services for the Air Corps and was stationed in Orlando, Florida. There he met Ohio native Mildred "Sally" Spitler, who was working as a nurse. The pair married in 1946 and settled in Cooper's hometown of Orland Park. Sally and Merrill Cooper built their family home on Union Avenue in 1949.

Cooper is remembered for the number of area businesses he owned, including Cooper's Grill, Orland News Agency, A-1 Tours and Travel, Rockin' Chair Lounge, Cooper's Carpet Warehouse, Cooper Furniture, Indiana Ruff Stone, M. F. Cooper Builders and most recently, M. Cooper Supply, which Merrill Cooper owned from 1946 until he sold the company in 1998.

Cooper was a partner in Cooper Show Ford in Frankfort and was a founder and board member for Lincolnway Savings and Loan. Cooper was also a farmer, owning 350-plus acres in Kokomo, Indiana with his son where the family farms corn and soybeans. Cynthia Thompson, Cooper's daughter, recalled, "One of my dad's favorite sayings was "always look forward and never look back."

Agreeing, Binder said, "He never stopped. He may have been ending one project but was quickly moving onto the next. When he smiled, he had a twinkle in his eye."

A world traveler, at the time of his death, Cooper had visited 162 countries. As a young man, he hitch hiked across the United States and Canada. He celebrated his 89th birthday on April 20 in China, accompanied by his wife Sally, their children and friends.

Binder recalled smiling, "We were in China for a week and we celebrated Merrill's birthday with a Chinese cake."

Both Sally and Merrill Cooper were very involved with the Community Center Foundation in Palos Park, where the pair wed in 1946.

"Reverend Paul Sanders, the founder of the Community Center Foundation, was my dad's boy scout leader when he was a kid," Cooper said. "Both he and my mom have stayed involved with the Community Center through the years," he added.

Cooper's civic involvement spans decades as he chaired the Village of Orland Park's Zoning Board of Appeals for 30 years. He was also a charter member of the Rotary Club.

Cooper was a member of the 40 & 8, Orland Memorial American Legion Post #111, the Elks, Moose Lodge and the Masons.

"My father loved life. He loved his family. He loved to travel and he enjoyed each and every day of his life," Bruce Cooper added.

"His business sense was amazing and he was never afraid to try something new," the son said, adding, "He touched a lot of people's lives and is someone that you'll never forget."

Merrill Cooper is survived by his wife Mildred (Sally) (Spitler) Cooper; daughter Cynthia Thompson (friend Bob Merkur) of Gold Coast, Australia; son Bruce Cooper (friend Carole Binder) of Orland Park; grandsons Scott (fiance) Kristie Tobin and her son Ryan); Brian (Jaimie) Cooper and great grand daughter Brooklyn Victoria Cooper.

On Monday, August 7, the cortege left the funeral home at 10:00 a.m., with Mr. Cooper's casket being carried on a horse drawn caisson to the Orland Park United Methodist Church at 9955 West 144th Street.

The funeral began at 11:00 a.m., followed by the caisson carrying Cooper's casket to the family plot at the Orland Memorial Cemetery, 15300 West Avenue, in Orland Park.

The cemetery is across the street from where the Cooper family originally settled in Orland Park in 1850.

Longtime Orland Park resident and business owner G. Merrill Cooper died in his Old Orland home on August 1. Cooper's family first settled in Orland Park in 1850.

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Galena showcases stone cottages to Queen Anne homes

There is nowhere lovelier than the Galena area in the fall, and no event that speaks of the history of this charming 19th-century town like the September Tour of Historic Galena Homes. In its 39th annual home tour, the Galena–Jo Daviess County Historical Society will showcase four beautiful private homes, plus the Galena History Museum, housed in an 1858 mansion. From a stone cottage to a magnificent Queen Anne, the residences will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. Tucked away in a quiet, wooded setting on Galena's east side, the 1850s Federal-style brick Hillside House is easy to miss. Two additions and extensive terracing and gardens give this home an unusual layout and an eclectic ambiance. Dining room windows look onto a private grotto, and the family room has a dramatic, massive wall of natural bedrock stone. Victorian and Eastlake family pieces furnish the formal living room and cottage-style bedroom. The rest of the house features primitive pine furniture and a vast collection of Norwegian antiques and heirlooms, reflecting the owners' ethnic heritage. The owners, in authentic Norwegian costumes, will be on hand to greet you as you experience this first-time tour home that's a feast for the eyes. Situated on a quiet lot at the northern reach of Park Avenue is the Ridd House. Built in 1891, it was one of the first homes in the west to feature steam heat throughout, with the radiators still in use today. Much of the fine millwork created at the family-owned sash and door factory can still be seen today at the Queen Anne Guest House, as the home is now known. As they tour its four guest rooms, visitors will experience the elegance of Victorian times among the many antique furnishings in this grand Queen Anne-style "Painted Lady." Wonderfully secluded on two large private wooded lots, the 1847 Fullington-Duffin Cottage is steeped in African-American history. Built by Elizabeth Fullington, this cottage adjoined the AME (African Methodist Episcopalian) Church built in 1844 (gone by early 1870s). Unlike the majority of her race in those days, Fullington was born of free parents, never knew slavery and received an education. Her brother, James C. Embry, was converted to her faith while visiting his sister in Galena in 1855, licensed to preach in 1856, became a bishop and was one of the most prominent men of colored race in America. Fullington married freedman John Duffin in 1864. At the time of her death in 1891, she was the oldest "colored" resident of Galena, having lived here since 1844. The current owners purchased the cottage in 2004. Their artistic stenciling and fine primitive antiques make this cozy cottage a delightful first-time tour home. The Fahrig-McGuire House was built in 1853 on property used as a stone quarry. The small, two-story stone cottage was in a sad state of disrepair until the current owner acquired it in 2001. Four years of restoration followed. An addition, nestled partially into the hillside to minimize its visual impact, is connected to the original stone house by a small breezeway, making the stone portion stand out on its own and not be overwhelmed. Remnant details from the stone house were used to replicate doors, windows and millwork for the addition. Restoration glass and reconditioned 150-year-old interior hardware maintain the spirit of the original stone house. Furnished primarily with 19th-century American antiques, with a few 17th- and 18th-century English pieces added to the mix, the historic Fahrig-McGuire House, with its sensitive modern addition, will surely delight the public in its home tour debut. Free admission to the Galena History Museum will be part of the tour and will include a behind-the-scene guided tour of the mansion/museum's non-public areas. The September Tour of Historic Galena Homes is sponsored by the Galena

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The Little Co. of Mary Foundation Golf Outing committee is announcing the seventh annual golf outing at Green Garden Country Club located in Frankfort. Once again the outing will be held the Friday after Labor Day, September 8.

The day starts with registration and a buffet lunch at 11 a.m., a shotgun start at noon, followed by cocktails and a steak dinner.

Ticket are $185 per person, $750 per foursome and if you'd like to join us just for dinner, the fee is $60. There are many opportunities to show support or sponsorship for this worthy cause. Please call Anne Cullen at 708-229-5447.

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: The decisions you make this week can be long lasting & frustrating to others. Let them in on your plans. D helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: This can be a very sexy time for you. It seems that someone new enthralls you. B or J.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Put an end to financial worry, consider refinancing or selling. Many of you will. D helps.

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Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: There is money on your path and happier times ahead too. A taste of fame is also possible.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message & add this: when you hit it big, you hit it BIG. R & M aid.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Get out of your own way. Think success. See yourself in new surroundings. Cash comes. R helps too.

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Wonderful camaraderie at our Wednesday discussion groups of ***All Things Paranormal*** at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]. August 23rd it's going to be about *Remote Viewing*, and more exciting subjects coming in September, e.g. prayer. Starting time is 7PM. Mini-sessions there August 14th & 28th. Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] August 21st & September 4th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. *"Telafriend"* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. I am available for speaking engagements for your club or organization.

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
It Does Not Mean It's Not True

Sonja from Orland says, "my family really thinks I'm crazy or soon will be nuttier than a fruit cake and here is my story because it's *Beyond Logic*. First, I began having things burn, & they were not even on fire, yet the edges of papers were charring and clothing smelled like they were burned too. My cell phone began ringing, a phone that had no battery or wires attached anywhere and had not worked for more than a year. Whenever I went to answer the phone, it went dead again. Then one day it rang and I heard a voice. I swear I heard the voice of my dead sister." She said, "Sis, I told you all things are possible!"

Jacki Mari & Alyn

OCS plans trip to Cancun

For a perfect location for rest and relaxation and warmth, plan to join the group from the office of Senior Citizens' Services (3450 West 97th St, Evergreen Park) for the 2007 trip to Cancun January 21-27, 2007.

Trip price is $1400 including round trip transportation from the EP Community Center to Midway Airport, airfare, taxes, all-inclusive hotel, all meals, unlimited drinks and entertainment. Make your reservation with a $100 deposit as soon as possible. Call 422-8776 for more information

Evergreen Park Library and High School join for program

Evergreen Park Public Library presents "High School Musical". It is an outdoor sing-along version of the movie at Yukich Field, 90th and Kedzie in the northwest corner on Thursday, August 31, at dusk (around 8pm) by the Evergreen Park High School.

It is a free event! Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the E.P Library.

Community service hours are awarded to students in Junior High and above. Call 422-8522 to volunteer.

The Crystals Take Home Gold

The Oak Lawn Park District's adult synchronized formation figure skating team, The Crystals, captured 2 gold medals at the 26th Annual ISI World Recreational Team Championships in

Marlborough, Massachusetts on July 29, 2006.

The competition drew 1850 skaters ranging in age from 3 to 81 from 6 countries – the US, Mexico, the Philippines, England, China and UAE/Dubai.

The Crystals have been competing in ISI World Competitions since 1991.

Christine Morris, a former professional skater from England, coaches the team. Team members include: Nancy Aanerud, Alsip; Cheryl Adam, Orland Park; Sandy Bock, Oak Lawn; Carrie Busch, Palos Park; Lynn Capodagli, Orland Park; Barbara Foley, Orland Park; Sandy Gardner, Frankfort;

Trudy Grauzas, Mokena; Clara Hoevel, Riverdale; Susan Lynch, Frankfort; Gayle O'Neill, Oak Forest and Mary Ellen Scott,

Chicago. Team manager is Pat Collins. The Crystals are always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining should call the Oak Lawn Ice Arena at 708-857-5173 to arrange a try-out.

From project manager to teacher Queen of Peace teacher finds his place

When he graduated from the esteemed Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines with a BA in Mathematics, Jose Gamboa never expected that one day he would stand in front of a classroom. In fact, from the moment his grandfather gave him his first Lego set, Gamboa knew he was a builder. "I loved planning, building, and the satisfying feeling of realizing a finished product," he notes. Gamboa became an engineer.

However, when the Japanese company he worked for shifted its focus from building to demolition, Gamboa decided to move on. He remembers fondly the day that forever changed his life path. On March 23, 2003, Gamboa left the Philippines to visit his sister and nephew in Chicago. During his stay, Gamboa tutored his young nephew, who was having difficulty in math at the time. "When I saw the sparkle in my nephew's eyes after he began to grasp some of the concepts, I couldn't help but feel inspired." Gamboa had found his calling. No longer would he build structures; instead he would build young minds.

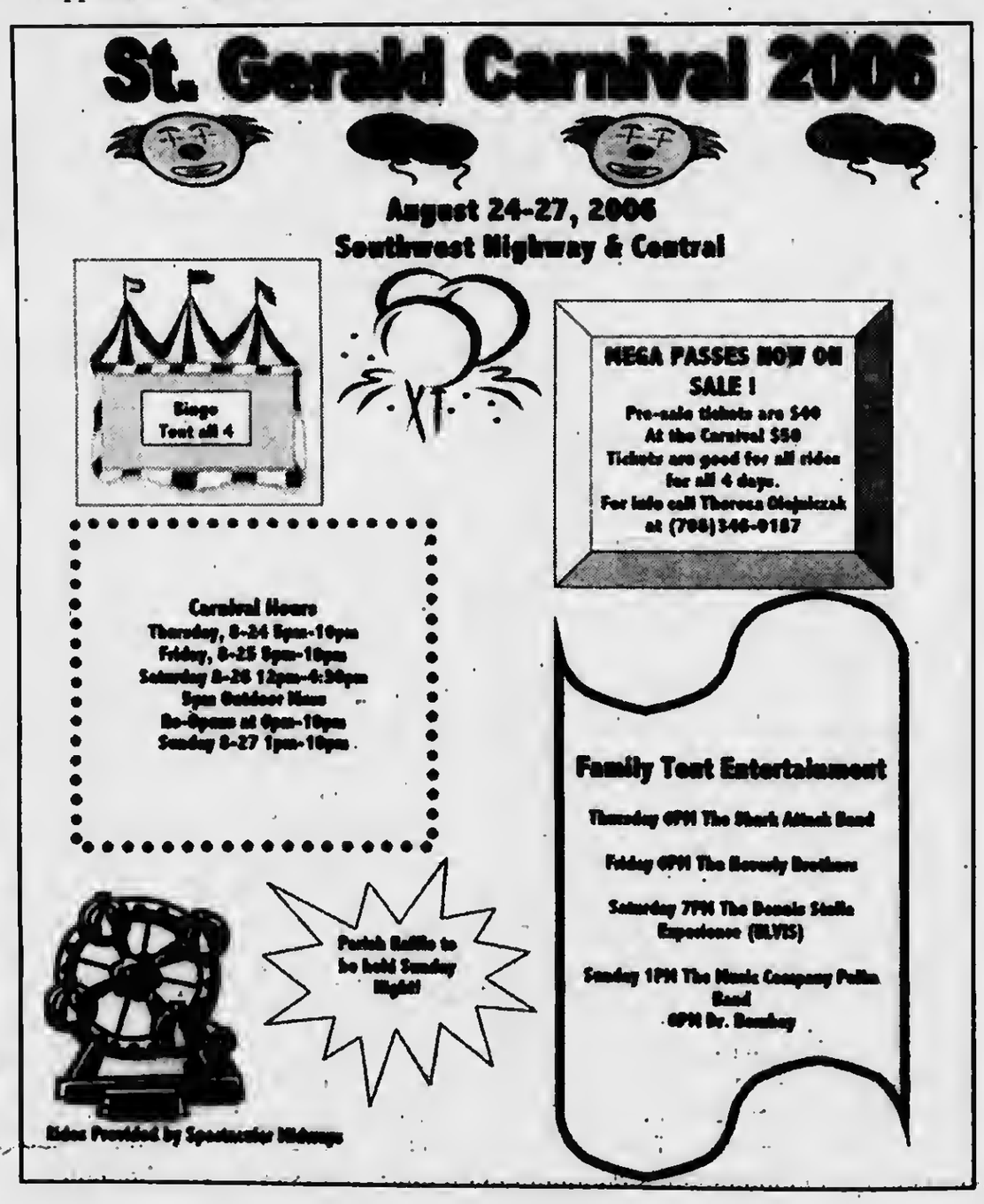
Having completed his MA in Teaching Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics at National-Louis University, Gamboa worked for the Chicago Teaching Center. His experience leading year-round math programs for Chicago-area high-school students, namely Upward Bound and BLAST (Building Leadership and Success Together), made him even more aware of the importance to prepare and encourage high-school students to pursue college.

As Queen of Peace continues to focus on improving students' abilities to think critically and solve problems under pressure, Gamboa is eager to use his experiences in ways that show students how to approach real-world challenges.

"As a Construction Management Engineer for 16 years, I used math in reading architectural plans, estimating project costs, scheduling phase deadlines, and in figuring the logistics of man-power, equipment, and materials on any given project.

Whether one is an engineer or not, math has very practical applications in all of our lives and that's something I want to show the students."

Excited. Delighted. These words don't quite capture how Gamboa feels as the rush of a new school year takes flight. "Indescribable expectations" is more like it!"



Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Enjoying the sizzle of Summer

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Every summer it's the same old song. We look forward to the chance for more fun in the sun and then, it seems, two things happen. Heading into August we reach temperatures in the 90's and the very sun-worshipers who couldn't wait for these lazy, hazy days, are now complaining of the stifling heat.

Another thing that happens is that , with the 4th of July barely a memory, there are people sadly announcing that summer's over.

I'm finding that these are the every people living in a state of seasonal limbo.

They are the ones who long for warmer days when the first snowflake falls to the icy ground. and, just when the newscasters broadcast the beginning of bikini wearing weather they long for the chill of cooler climates.

Well, I refuse to be pessimistic and see this picnicking time of year as over just because the fireworks festivities have been officially celebrated. In my opinion there is still a whole month of summer to savor and enjoy.

Sure, right now the weather has us feeling like we're in meltdown mode, but I'm not ready to give up the watermelon just yet. There is still so many fun things to see and do.

Recently, Bill, his sister, Marie, and I sat on the back of the old Explorer devouring our first Rainbow cones of the summer. As we sat laughing and licking the luscious treat, it came to mind that there are quite a few things we haven't crossed off our summertime 'to do' list.

There is still time for long bike rides along the lake, and evening walks through the park. There are concerts under the stars and neighborhood festivals to attend.

Water parks still beckon with the refreshing blue water of wave pools - such fun for young and old alike.

Though the temperature is hovering in the 100's, with the heat index, it can help to get our minds off the meltdown by singing a merry tune like, 'Frosty The Snowman', to mentally cool things off.

Here's to the glorious season of summer! It is far from over. Imagine the possibilities with August still here to enjoy.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ~

Life's a dance. Put on your dancing shoes. (Steve Winwood.)

Moraine Valley's honors program upholds students' love for learning

Are you a high school or college student looking for more challenging and rewarding opportunities for yourself in the classroom? If so, Moraine Valley's Honors Program is the place for you.

The college's Honors Program is a specially designed academic path exclusively for high-achieving students. Honors-only sections of key courses are smaller than traditional college classes, and emphasize critical thinking and interpretation skills with creative problem solving. The students' love for learning is nurtured throughout the program, giving them a rewarding experience that prepares them for the future.

Honors courses don't simply give students additional work—the work itself is different to fulfill the students' different needs. Traditional lecture classes are taught with more student interaction, and more focus is put on the students' responsibility toward their own learning. In addition, these methods of teaching provide opportunities for students such as the ability to assist in teaching others, as well as participating in service and learning opportunities outside the classroom.

Potential transfer students concerned about how their GPA will be affected can be assured that grades are decided based on the same standards as in traditional courses. The only differences are the classroom experiences?experiences that will demonstrate the ability to succeed at a transfer institution as a junior. In addition, students enrolled in Moraine Valley's Honors Program are given assistance in building a portfolio to help the transfer process, and special recognition for their participation in the program is documented on their transcripts. Social events with other honors students and faculty members also are offered to students in the program.

"The Honors Program is a great program to be involved with for many reasons," said Jessica Machen, a Chicago Ridge student enrolled in the program. "The teachers are fantastic, and because of the small class sizes, you have a chance to have more help from your professors. As a student in the Honors Program, I feel that you learn more, and discuss things on a deeper level than in regular classes. And because the classes are so small, you get to know the other students better and can get help from them easier."

Courses offered in the Honors Program for fall 2006 include Speech Fundamentals; Western Civilization I; College: Changes, Challenges, Choices; General Sociology; Composition I; and Introduction to American Music. Prerequisites for the new enrollees in the honors program include a 3.2 high school GPA, an ACT score of 25 or SAT score of 1050 (composite), completion of at least one AP course with an A or B (AP score 4), or having graduated from high school in the top 10 percent of the class. Current Moraine Valley students need to have completed nine hours of coursework at the college level with a 3.2 GPA or obtain a letter of recommendation from an instructor. Because the college has open enrollment, applications to the Honors Program can be submitted with the actual college application.

For more information about the Moraine Valley Honors Program, visit morainevalley.edu/honorsprogram/faq.htm on the Web, or call Rita Kribs, coordinator of Non-Traditional Learning and the Honors Program, at (708) 974-5643, or e-mail kribs@morainevalley/edu.

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Friends of the Oak Lawn host a ballet trip

The Friends of the Oak Lawn Library will host a bus trip to see The Joffrey Ballet perform "Cinderella" Saturday, October 14 at the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. There will be an in-person registration held at 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 26 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St.

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The cost of this trip, which includes reserved dress circle seating and motorcoach transportation, is $67 for Friends members and $72 for others.

The bus will depart from the library at 12:00 noon and return at 5:00 p.m.

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Admission is free; select event fees apply. Parking is $12. On Tuesdays, senior citizens age 62 and older pay just $7 for parking. The Garden is located at 1000 Lake Cook Road in Glencoe, Ill. Visit www.ohwow.org, or call (847) 835-5440 for seasonal hours, images of the Garden and commuter transportation information.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County and managed by the Chicago Horticultural Society. It opened to the public in 1972 and is home to the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden, offering a broad array of adult classes in plant science, landscape design and gardening arts.

The Center for Teaching and Learning brings the wonder of nature and plants to children, teens and teachers. Horticultural Therapy and Community Gardening provide nationally recognized community outreach and service programs. Through the Institutes of Plant Conservation and Ornamental Plant Research, Garden scientists work on plant conservation, research and environmental initiatives that have global impact.

The Chicago Botanic Garden is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is a member of the American Public Gardens Association (APGA). In 2006, the Chicago Botanic Garden received the Award for Garden Excellence, given yearly by the APGA and Horticulture magazine to a public garden that exemplifies the highest standards of horticultural practices and has shown a commitment to supporting and demonstrating best gardening practices.

Chicago Botanic Garden offers Master Gardener Program

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener Program is a community based, all-volunteer organization that welcomes students from all walks of life to hone their gardening skills.

The training program will be held at the Chicago Botanic Garden from January 24 through March 28, 2007, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ten Wednesdays.

The Master Gardener program is an intensive but rewarding process designed to prepare participants to become better gardeners and qualified volunteers, able to share their horticultural knowledge with others and provide service to their communities.

Topics to be covered during training include botany, soils, woody and herbaceous plants, vegetables, fruit, insects, turf, plant pathology and pesticide safety.

Act quickly as enrollment is limited! Applications must be postmarked by Friday, Oct. 6, 2006. For more information, please visit www.chicagobotanic.org/continuinged/mastergardener.

To request an application, please contact Julia Zanieski continuingeducation@chicagobotanic.org <mailto:continuingeducation@chicagobotanic.org> or by phone at (847) 835-8246.

For additional information about the state program and other training sites, please see www.extension.uiuc.edu/mg/.

Looking for health coverage and cannot afford insurance, contact Annette at 708-423-9754

Pullman State Historic Site events

In advance of the October 7 and 8 Historic Pullman House Walk, the following events focusing on The Pullman Company, architecture, and labor issues will be held in several locations in Chicagoland.

On Monday, September 4 there is a Labor Day Bike Ride. Registration begins at 8am and the ride begins at 9am. The event begins at the Hotel Florence, 11111South Forrestville, Chicago. Donation is $15 and includes lunch. Call 773-660-2341 for registration information. The Pullman Civic Organization and local labor unions sponsor the event. The ride is 30+ miles and highlights places of labor interest on the southwest side of Chicago and nearby Indiana. The Park near the hotel serves as a setting for lunch and music after the ride.

On Sunday, September 10 there is a Victorian Tea from 3-5pm at the Hotel Florence, 11111South Forrestville. Cost is $15 per ticket. Call 773-995-6172 for reservations. The Historic Pullman Garden Club and the Pullman State Historic Site sponsor the event. Enjoy High tea served on the Veranda of the historic Hotel Florence (weather permitting) or in the Ladies Parlor. Come in Victorian dress! The tea features traditional treats, sweets, and finger sandwiches along with entertainment.

On Saturday, September 16 is "How Both Halves Lived" is a tour beginning at Glessner House museum, 1800 S. Prairie Avenue, Chicago from 9am to 5pm. Cost is $50 nonmembers and $45 for members of Glessner House Museum. Call 773-660-2341 or 312-326-1480 for reservations.

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The Pullman Historic District's community-wide event features tours of historic homes, and public buildings, with food and entertainment. For information visit the web at www.pullmman-museum.org.

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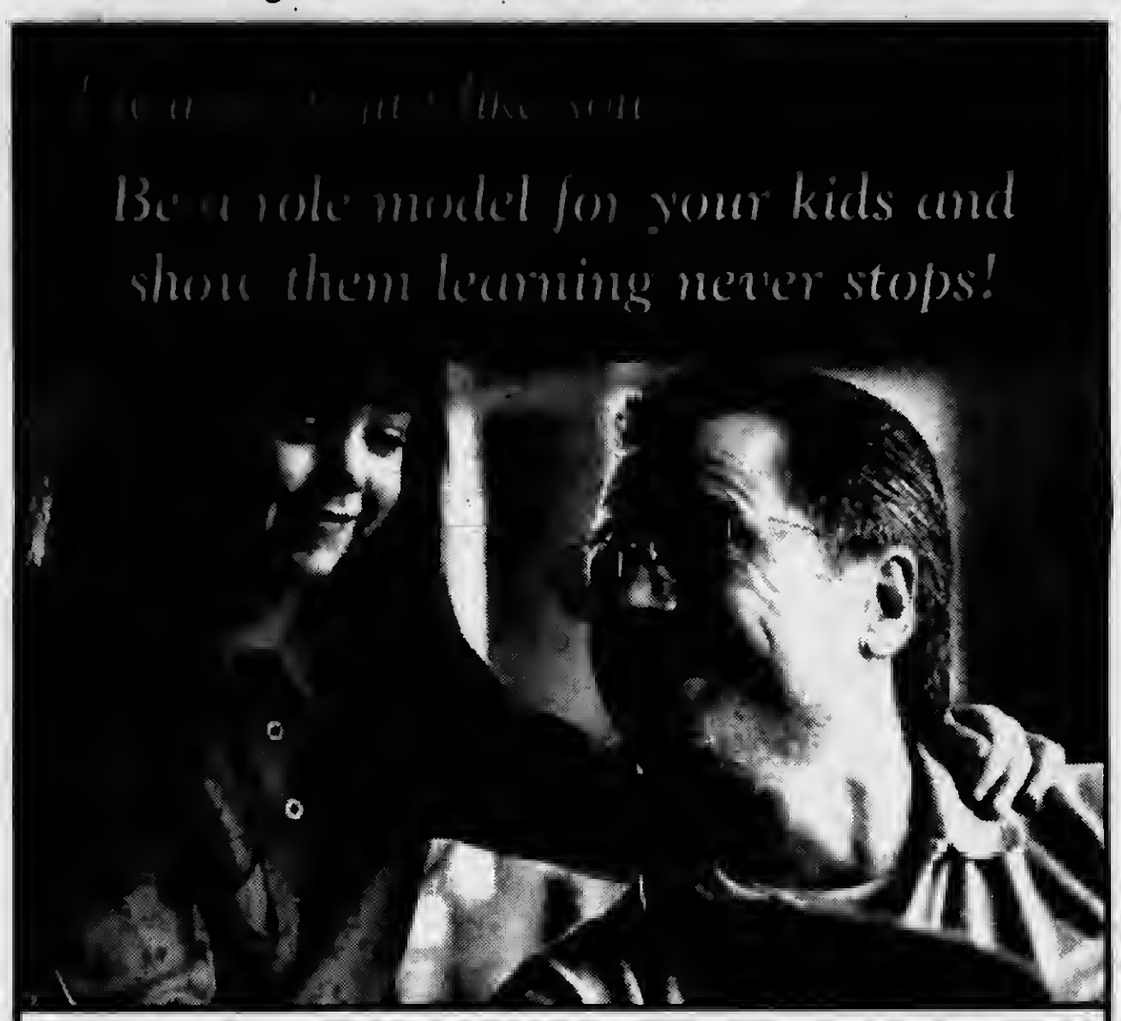

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Mother Courage presented at the Theatre Building

The Vitalist Theatre's production of Bertold Brecht's play "Mother Courage and Her Children" runs from September 11 to October 22, 2006 at the Theatre Building located 1225 W. Belmont in Chicago.

Bertold Brecht's seminal creation considered "one of the great plays of our time" is given new life by David Hare, "Britain's leading contemporary playwright" is a powerful, gutsy, comic, colloquial and extraordinary adaptation. It was first performed in 1995 at the National Theatre in London. The London Independent called it "a superbly combative new version that bristles with paradox, irony and skepticism."

The enterprising Mother Courage confronts waste, greed, profiteering, indifference, hypocrisy, arrogance and catastrophic loss in her resilient journey for survival. From her hodgepodge of trinkets and wares from her canteen wagon she supplies she follows a series of faceless armies across a battered terrain. One by one her children are lost to the violence which she profits. Brecht wrote" In the dark times/will there also be singing? Yes, there will also be singing about the dark times."

Vitalist 's cast of eight and live band brings its signature ensemble approach to an intimate, gritty, and roisterous production of Brecht's timeless antiwar play. How timely!

Artistic Director of Vitalist is Elizabeth Carlin-Metz and draws from experience in Los Angles, England and Chicago in both traditional and experimental theatre. Vitalist Theatre, with its distinctive fission of physical theatre, psychological dynamism and magical-realism, has received an impressive array of critical accolades on numerous productions including, Anna Karenina, Lear, and the Three Lives of Lucie Ccabrol.

The production runs at the Theatre building on Friday-Saturday at 8pm and matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2:30pm. Call the box office at 312-327-5252. Tickets are $20.

Steppenwolf announces 2006-07 season

Steppenwolf Theatre announces its 2006-07 season with five plays. Including "The Plowman" by Martin Mc Donagh directed by Amy Morton. This runs September 14-November 12; "Sonia Flew" by an emerging playwright Melinda Lopez is November 30-February 4, 2007, directed by Jessica Thebus; Harold Pinter's play "Betrayal" directed by Rick Snyder and stars Tracy Letts and Amy Morton runs January 25-May 27, 2007.

Tina Landau directs "The Diary of Ann Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett adapted by Wendy Kesselman. The production stars Francis Guinan and Yasen Peyankov and runs April 5 to June 10, 2007.A world premier written specifically for Steppenwolf by Tracy Letts called "August: Osage County" is directed by Anna D. Shapiro. The LA Times called Letts "one of the most compelling dramatists working today" The play stars several returning stars including Sally Murphy (initially from Oak Lawn), Deanna Dunagan, Jeff Perry and Chelcie Ross. The production runs June 28 to August 26, 2007.

To subscribe call 312-355-1650 or visit the web at www.steppenwolf.org. One can subscribe for as little as $160. Steppenwolf Theatre is located 1650 N Halsted. It is accessible to public transportation. (Red line) Student half price subscriptions are available for regular run on Tuesday, Wednesday or Sunday evening performances. Current and valid ID must be included with your order.

Biograph holds open hous

Victory Gardens Theater At the Biograph holds a free open house on September 9th and 10th from 12pm to 5pm at 2433 N. Lincoln Avenue for the community and other interested parties.

See a preview of the plays next season and tour the new state of the art 299 seat Victory Gardens Theatre Mainstage at the Biograph. There are 3 play, 5 play and Flex Pass Subscriptions available. Packages are as little as $48! The theatre is so close it touches you!

Musichorale begins 60th year

by Marijo Doody

Musichorale is a 60+-voice choir right in Oak Lawn. All singers' 16 years and up are invited to join for the Tuesday evening rehearsal. Jeffrey Silhan is Director. The group has three accompanists and a percussionist.

This year begins the 60th year in song from Beethoven to Broadway. The group hopes to add 15-20 singers for their 60th anniversary programming.

Rehearsals are held at Oak Lawn Community Church (OLCC), 9000 S Ridgeland at 7:30pm beginning the first Tuesday in September. Call 708-423-1124 or 312-409-6661 for information. Musichorale is a non-denominational group and a nonprofit organization.

Did you know it is a health positive that singing reduces stress, lowers blood pressure and helps keep you healthier? It is a lot better than going to the boats!

On September 10, 2006 at the OLCC at 3:20pm there is an hour and a half concert costing $5. Its purpose is to get prospective members and let folks know what is Musichorale. Men are needed and will join for free for the 60th Anniversary Season. If you come to the first rehearsal, you will receive the $5 back. The concert will feature music from last season's spring program with fascinating rhythms from Mozart to Gerswin.

The 60th season has two major concerts. The Noel is held in December and the spring concert is April 2007. In addition numerous holiday- singing engagements are scheduled for the Carolers. Several holidays CD's are available from past years and make nice gifts. Jeff Silhan, Director, expects Musichorale to have a 60th Anniversary CD.

Musichorale has sung at numerous special events including private parties, weddings, funerals, churches and banks.

The Annual Golf Outing fundraiser is September 24, 2006 at Glen Eagles Country Club. Sponsors are needed. Funds go for yearly scholarship winners for young musicians.

Last year, a cellist and singer, high school students, performed at the spring concert At this year's Noel, in December, the third winner, a grammar school pianist will perform.

As a side-note, the cellist who won has performed with Rachael Barton in benefits in North Snore.

We hope more singers will join Musichorale this year for the 60th Anniversary season!

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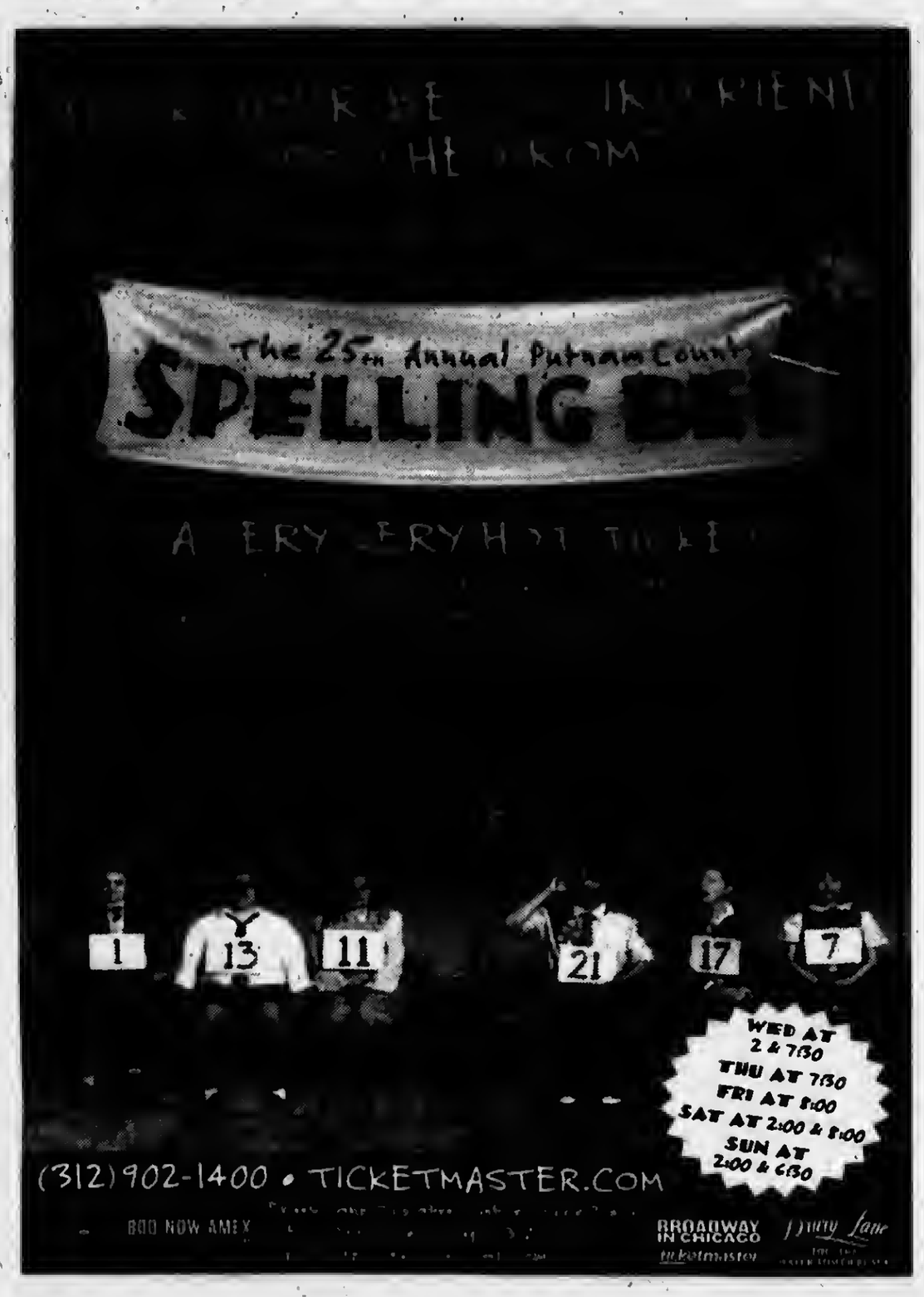

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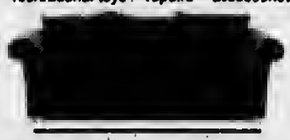

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Five strategies to having a retirement fund when you need it

What is your idea of retirement? Lounging in the backyard after working on the garden and having lunch with friends? Taking a trip to Europe, hitting every museum and monument you've ever wanted to see? Maybe you'd be content with just having the grandkids over on weekends and taking them to the park. No matter what your perfect retirement includes, worrying about money is probably not part of it.

"Financial concerns diminish your quality of life, distracting you from the things you enjoy most," says Nancy Coutu, president of Money Managers Advisory. "Many seniors worry about how they'll maintain their current lifestyle and the financial responsibilities their heirs will be left with."

Coutu says although most people at or near retirement may not focus on directly increasing income, they should look at strategies to maximize the dollars they already have. Here are Coutu's five smart strategies that may help you find those retirement dollars you need.

Strategy #1 Maintain a Long-Term Horizon – With life expectancies growing and continuous medical breakthroughs, many Americans can expect to live well into their 80s and beyond. But this benefit comes with a challenge: Making your money last your entire lifetime. Fixed-income vehicles, CDs and money market accounts, provide a steady, but usually low growth. Stocks are for people who can handle the risk of losing, a chance most seniors can't afford. One alternative is the equity indexed annuity (EIA). It may be an investment option for those seeking growth, a guaranteed principal and a long-term outlook. The guarantees are based on the claims paying ability of the issuing company.

Strategy #2 Be Sure to Account for Inflation – Inflation is loss of purchasing power caused by rising prices. Although inflation has been tame lately, historically it has averaged around 3.5 percent per year. At that rate, in 20 years the purchasing power of $50,000 will fall to $24,520 – less than half! Keeping a portion of your retirement assets in growth-oriented investments may help offset the unavoidable growth of inflation.

Strategy #3 Reduce Your Income Tax Hit – Many people have been unpleasantly surprised to find out even their Social Security benefits are taxed. Legislation of 1983 and 1993 allows up to 85 percent of your benefit check to be taxed. Taxation depends on the amount of income. Fortunately, there are ways to potentially reduce your taxable income.

Strategy #4 Supplement Your Income – If you still have the time, energy or interest to continue working – perhaps pursuing a second career, or turning a hobby into a business – it's much easier than ever before. Social Security income limits have been raised. In 2003, retirees below full retirement age (currently 65 and 2 months) that receive benefits and continue to work, can earn up to $11,520 before Social Security benefits are reduced. For those who haven't started collecting benefits, the earnings limit is up to $30,720 in the months prior to reaching full retirement age. After full retirement age, benefits aren't affected regardless of income.

Strategy #5 Establish a Living Trust – Although the estate tax exemption has been raised, the recent strong gains in the real estate market might leave you liable for estate taxes. Estate planning isn't just for the "superrich" anymore! One option for married couples that allows them to avoid probate and save money on taxes is the AB Trust, also referred to as a living trust with marital life estate. This option lets couples pass the maximum amount of assets to their beneficiaries.

So before planning that trip to the mountains or remodeling your kitchen, think about how you can make your retirement dollars work harder. Once that's done, you'll be able to sit back and relax. Then you can spend your time worrying about the important things, like how you're going to get nine holes in before lunch. If you want to learn more about how to make your dollars do the work, contact a financial advisor who is experienced with the needs of seniors. He or she can help you make the best decisions for your financial situation, so your retirement fund is there when you need it.

Nancy Coutu is president of Oak Brook-based Money Managers Advisory. Nancy is a Certified Financial Planner with nearly 25 years experience in the financial services profession. Her sound, conservative guidance and tax-saving strategies have helped numerous clients grow and protect their retirement assets. For more information contact Nancy Coutu, Money Managers Advisory, 2015 Spring Road, Suite 500 Oak Brook, IL 60523, or call Nancy at (630) 990-7174 or (800) 990-7174. Securities offered through Waterstone Financial Group, member NASD-SIPC.

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Orland Park Seeks Names of Residents' Loved Ones Killed In Vietnam

The Village of Orland Park will host the Moving Vietnam Wall October 5 through 8, 2006. During the wall's visit, local Vietnam Veterans — both deceased and alive — will be honored. Orland Park is seeking the names of current residents' loved ones who died in Vietnam.

"We've waited a long time for the wall to make its way to Orland Park," said Orland Park Mayor Dan McLaughlin, adding that the village first applied a few years ago. "The wall coming this fall is especially significant because it will almost be one year ago that the village won the Governor's Hometown Award for its veterans' programs," the mayor said.

"The Directory of Killed In Action in Vietnam lists three people from Orland Park," said Orland Park Veterans Commission Secretary Gail Blummer. Orland Park residents who died in Vietnam include Marine Lance Corporal Michael Richard Reber; Marine Private First Class George Dennis Stiehler; and United States Army Captain Ronald Lloyd Zinn.

"We'd love to hear from the families of these young men and from current Orland Park residents who lost loved ones in Vietnam — whether they lived in Orland Park at the time or not," Blummer said.

As of January 1, 2003, there were 58,228 names listed on the memorial. Approximately 1300 of these are still unaccounted for prisoners of war and those missing in action. The names of eight women appear on the wall, all of whom were military nurses.

McLaughlin said, "We're looking forward to honoring all of the Vietnam Vets who live in the community. We want to get the word out now so that people know the wall is coming to the Orland Park Village Center in October."

Orland Park Veterans Commissioner Joseph Kelbus was a Combat Squad Leader and Sergeant in the First Calvary Division Airmobile, the 1st of the 9th Regiment (Reconnaissance). He is a life member of Orland Park's Reber-Tesmond Memorial VFW Post #2604; president and life member of the Sheridan's Cavalry Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division; life member of The Bullwhip Squadron (1/9 Regiment); and a life member of The Purple Heart Association.

Of the wall coming to Orland Park, the army infantry combat veteran said, "It's very emotional and it brings out deep, strong feelings." Kelbus has been to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. four times.

"I cried each time," he said, adding that the names are not engravings. "It's more than a piece of granite. These are people I shared meals with and laughed with," Kelbus said.

Ironically, the first weekend in October offers Kelbus two reunions. "The same weekend the wall will be in Orland Park, my Army Regiment Reunion will be held at Fort Rucker, Alabama," Kelbus said.

"I will see my Vietnam buddies who survived and fought with me in combat 38 years ago at the reunion in Alabama, and I will return to Orland Park Sunday night to the Moving Wall to remember my Vietnam buddies who died," he explained.

The Vietnam Traveling Wall requires 24 hour coverage with a minimum of four people per shift during the late night hours and eight to ten volunteers during the daytime shifts and on weekends. Volunteers are asked to serve a two hour shift. Civic groups that would like to work together as a team are welcomed to volunteer. Specific days and times will be assigned as the dates get closer.

Local veterans and military organizations are invited to be a part of the Honor Guard. Two veterans, active service men/women or police/fire personnel will be at the wall 24 hours a day while it is on display. Individual Honor Guard volunteers will be assigned to a team of four members who will take turns with the shift for a four hour period.

"We have a number of people who have already volunteered to be here when the wall is here," Blummer said. Those interested in being a part of the vigil are asked to contact Blummer.

Area residents who know of Orland Park residents who died in Vietnam or current residents who lost loved ones in Vietnam are asked to call Blummer at 708/403-6203 or send an e-mail to gblummer@orlandpark.il.us.

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Tinley Park approves North Street financing

by Matt Mayer

The Tinley Park Board of Trustees unanimously approved the mix use North Street project, which is slated to have 115 condominiums, underground parking, 40,000 square feet of retail space and a two story, and a 11- screen 1,930 seat movie theater. The board is expected to finalize the project at the next meeting on Aug. 22.

The developer and the village have been in negotiation for the past seven weeks regarding the $100 million plus financing package. The village has agreed to pay $38 million, $21 million of which will be financed. The developer L&H Real Estate Group will pay $65 million for construction of the buildings, which is slated to include expansion of Zabrocki Plaza, doubling its size and construction of an underground parking garage under the new public park. A reconfiguration of the Central Middle School site for an interim parking lot is also included in the village's share. The village has agreed to utilize $4.5 million from the Tax Increment Financing District for the expansion of water and sewer lines as well as other public improvements.

The village is confident that the debt obligation will be met and if not, the village has rainy day funds. The village has also agreed to pay $2.5 million annually over a 20-year period for its financial portion of the project as well as taking other measures such as increasing its rate stabilization funds, which will be used to insure the bonds in order to keep the taxpayers from absorbing the costs.

Oak Forest approves Metra parking contracts

by Matt Mayer

The city council approved contracts at the Oak Forest City Council meeting for the 159th Street and Cicero Ave Metra parking lot - amounts were not disclosed. An ordinance amending a chapter of the economic development commission to enact a facade improvement grant program was also approved

Other highlights: A request for a lease agreement with Pitney Bowes for the replacement of the office postal meter machine was approved as well as a request for the use of the senior bus to provide service to the super Wal-Mart in Country Club Hills. A contract with American Eagle for the redesign of the cities web site was also approved, the amount wasn't disclosed.

The council approved a public works request to waive the bidding requirements to purchase a Tractor-Crawler Sewer Camera system, the amount was not disclosed. The following mayoral appointments to the police department pension board were announced. Appointed members are: Dwayne Fox and Scott Burkhardt. Elected members are: Tim Wrigley, Tom Lynch and Alvin Lexow.

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from the race support the Open Lands of Orland Park, a not-for-profit organization.

The annual race provides opportunities for community and business support through several levels of sponsorships. Depending on the level of sponsorship, sponsors will receive recognition on the day of the race, in pre-race promotional material, banner on Ride 'n Tie website and coupons in goodie bags.

Sponsorship opportunities include:

Level 1 Event Sponsor: $2,000.00 Company name on race.Full-size banner with your logo on Ride 'n Tie website for one year.Coupons in goodie bags.Banners and table on race day. Announcements before and after the race.

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Level 3 Sponsor: $500.00
Same as Level 1 except website banner is one-half size.

Level 4 Sponsor: $250.00
Coupons in goodie bags.Banners on race day.For more information about sponsorship, please call Patty Vlazny at the Village of Orland Park at 708/403-6145.

OPEN LANDS OF ORLAND PARK RIDE 'N TIE RACE
Sponsorships Available

ORLAND PARK, IL - The Village of Orland Park Open Lands of Orland Park will host its third annual Ride 'n Tie Race on Sunday, October 1, 2006 at Meadow Ridge School, 159th Street and 108th Avenue. Proceeds

Boating Safety Class

Instructions for boating enthusiasts age 11 though adult, will be offered by the U.S. Coast Guart Auxiliary on three evenings: August 21, 22nd, & 23rd from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Lyons township Administration Building, 6404 Joliet Rd.. Countryside. A small fee includes materials.

To register call les Piskopos at 708-466-6082. Sessions include Boart handling, Sailor's language, Legal requirements, Rules of the Road, Aide to navigation, Locks and Dams, Radio use and Inland lakes.Upon satisfactory completion, students will receive a U.S. Coast Guard wallet card and certificate of completion.

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News from Lincoln Park Zoo

Lincoln Park Zoo has announced the Zoo Works Lecture Series for adults and children 12 and over. Each lecture begins at 10am. Member fee is $6 and nonmembers are $8.

The series begins with 'Dr.Doolittle Does More' on Saturday October 7. A zoo veterinarian discusses challenging medical cases, operant-conditioning procedures and the latest in veterinarian technology.

On Saturday, November 4, the primate curator discusses research into animal aging and the changing needs of our geriatric animals in 'The Golden Years'.

'Extreme Makeover at the Zoo' presented on Saturday, December 2 will feature the zoo's architect using Kovler Lion House, Park Place Pavilion and Regenstein Center for African Apes as examples of historic renovation, adaptive reuse and 21st century animal-habitat design.

Caring for critters are tours of different areas and discussion of ways keepers and scientists care for hoofed animals like camels and deer, and the big cats like lions and tigers. They are for families with children 8 and older. On November 18 is the antelope and zebra area and on December 9 is the Kovler Lion House. Tours are 9:30-10:30am or 11am to noon. Members are $10 and nonmembers are $20 per person.

Orland Park Sportsplex offers Pilates reformer training

The Village of Orland Park Recreation and Parks Department offers a unique style of Pilates training at the village's Sportsplex. Orland Park is the first community in the region to offer training on the Pilates Reformer.

Pilates workouts were first introduced in the early 1900s incorporating the concepts of Yoga, meditation and martial arts. Pilates conditions the entire body while increasing flexibility and strength by focusing on a series of precise, controlled movements instead of emphasizing repetition.

The Pilates Reformer is a sliding, bed-like platform anchored at one end of its frame with resistance springs. The platform moves along a track by either pushing off a stationary bar or pulling on ropes. In advanced workouts on the reformer, balancing on a sliding platform is used to increase the challenge.

"Pilates Reformer training is unique to the Orland Park area," said Village of Orland Park Fitness Manager Deborah Graham, a certified Pilates Reformer instructor.

"While many communities offer Pilates classes, Orland Park was the first town to offer training on the Pilates Reformer," she said. Personal training sessions on the reformer are available through a certified instructor.

Graham, who holds a Master of Science Degree in Kinesiology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, is nationally certified to train clients on the Pilates Reformer.

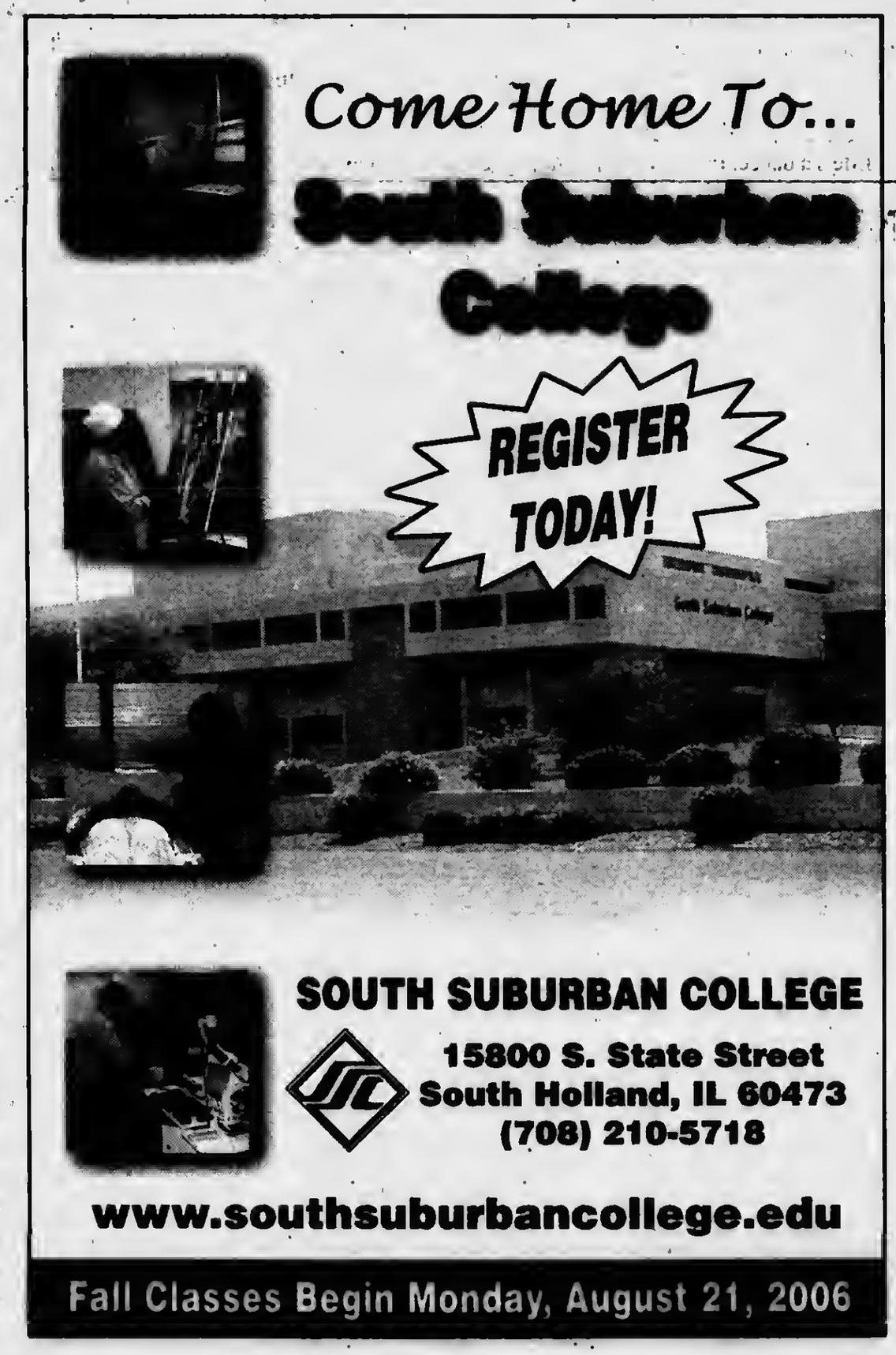
"My certification is through the Physical Mind Institute, one of the top programs in the country," she explained. Graham received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Exercise Science from Illinois State University.

"The Pilates Reformer is great for both men and women," Graham noted. "It strengthens the core muscles — the abs and lower back, as well as the extraneous muscles, namely those in the arms and back," she said. "This is one of the best ways to increase flexibility and endurance," Graham noted, adding that a number of professional baseball players use the reformer as part of their training programs.

"The Pilates Reformer sessions at the Sportsplex are focused on the individual needs of the client, enabling the instructor to design the workout more accurately and producing optimal results," she added.

Pilates Reformer users need not be Village Sportsplex members. The facility offers different rates for village residents, nonresidents and Sportsplex members. Classes are six weeks long and begin the week of September 10. Both individual and group training for the Pilates Reformer are available and the Sportsplex is offering a free 20 minute trial this month. Registration has begun. Call 403-6285 for additional information.

One hour Pilates Reformer sessions are available in increments of one, five, ten or twenty sessions. Training is available at the Village of Orland Park Sportsplex, 11351 West 159th Street. Dates and times vary and gift certificates are available. For more information call 708/645-PLAY.



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Roche's attorney presents progress report

by Matt Mayer

Prior to the Aug. 1, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting, business owner Michael Roche, along with consul Robert Mancker appeared before the board. Mancker presented a progress report on the Roche's property located at 10008 S. Anderson Ave. in the industrial park. Mancker said that since the last meeting, Roche had made a number of improvements in compliance with what the board requested.

"The parking lot in front was paved, containers have been reorganized and numbered; we are going to provide a list of what the numbers are to the people. We have provided disclosure to the tenants allowing the containers to be demystified. Every parking spot has either a letter or a number, which corresponds to the information in the disclosure books that were given to the officials. Information, such as the drivers licenses of the truck drivers who park in the spaces, will be available so if either the police or fire chiefs have a problem they can move in and take care of it. Roche has agreed to keep them updated so there is always current information", Mancker said.

Mancker responded no to Mayor Eugene Siegel questions - Are any businesses operating out of those containers and do those people have offices in the building. "That is against the code-our ordinance states that we don't allow people to operate out of containers useless they have they have a business that's under roof," Siegel said. Village engineer Chris Burke said that the lot on the property has been striped, containers have been inventoried, a list of the parking has been provided and eight trees were planted. "The only thing from the list that I provided last meeting that was not done was the fire lane. Prior to the meeting, we talked to Fire Chief Grossi and they are going to meet and figure out what land they need; they will try to work out an agreement to establish a fire lane with some type of paving", Burke said.

Mancker said, "It's not really an employee parking lot for a large factory. This is an industrial lot it - has containers, trucks moving in and out, operating businesses store steel outside, and store their extra cars. I don't suppose it well ever be as manicured as a parking lot for passenger cars." Siegel responded, "Whether it's an industrial zone or not, we don't allow junk yards and the other concern that we had was the talk about terrorism. We don't know who these people are. We have a bunch of truckers here - we don't know what they're hauling and I thing that's the concern of the police department."

Police Chief Tim Baulderman said "Martins Auto Repair buys junk cars and picks them for parts, leaving a pile of junk. Other auto repair shops buy the parts that are needed for repair. Martins is the one that is going to have to clear that junk out of there to make room for a 20-foot fire lane in the back. Village officials want all the junk removed from the premises for two reasons, it's against code and there needs to be access for a fire lane in the in the rear of the property. " Roche will appear again at the next meeting on Aug. 21.

If you can't afford Health Insurance Contact Annette Dixon 708-423-9754

Worth approves OptiCom System

by Matt Mayer

At the Worth Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved a contract with Brown Traffic Devices for $46,395 for the OptiCom system. The OptiCom system, designed by 3M, is a traffic control system that provides a green light, and therefore intersection right-of-way, to emergency vehicles. Equipted vehicles have an emitter, which broadcasts a visible light or invisible infrared signal to a receiver, which is mounted on or near the traffic signal. When the receiver detects a recognized signal, the notifier (a floodlight mounted on or near the traffic signal) is activated as the traffic signals change to allow priority access as requested.

Other highlights: the board approved an ordinance to place a referendum on the Nov 7, general election ballot regarding the increases of sales tax in the village. An ordinance to increase water rates by 10-percent and an ordinance to increase business and contractor license fees by 10-percent were also approved.

Left to Right: Commissioner Gloria Majewski, President Terrence O'Brien and Commissioner Kathleen Meany

The District with the highest bond rating

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that the bond rating agencies of Standard & Poor's, Moody's Investors Services and Fitch have all given the District their highest possible ratings. The District is one of only four wastewater and water agencies in the country to have the highest possible bond ratings from the three largest rating agencies.

President O'Brien stated that "these ratings are good news as the District prepares to sell $350 million in General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds." Moody's Investors Services cited the District's conservative budgeting and reliance upon stable property tax revenues and the essential service provided by the District as a reason for the high rating. Moody's also stated that they believed the District's financial plans will remain strong.

President O'Brien went on to say, "careful fiscal planning and sound investment practices mean the District is committed to maintaining the excellent bond ratings-AAA from Moody's Investor's Services, AAA from Fitch and AAA from Standard and Poor's."

The M.W.R.D. of Greater Chicago collects and treats wastewater from more than five million people and the industrial equivalent of another 4.5 million people in Cook County. The District's 2006 budget is $1 billion. Visit the District's web site at www.mwrd.org.

Homeschool Happenings

Do you Homeschool, or know someone who does? Chicago Ridge Public Library will host the next meeting of Homeschool Happenings on Friday, September 1st at 1 p.m.

The program will include a library scavenger hunt. All parents and children of Homeschool families are invited! Please register at the Youth Services Desk.

Call Chicago Ridge Public Library at 708-423-7753 and ask for Constance VanSwol, Youth Services Librarian for more information.

Volunteers needed

Together We cope an agency assisting families in crisis needs a volunteer four hours a week to pick up donated items. If you can help, please call the Together We cope office in Tinley park and speak to the volunteer coordinator, Kathy Rogge at 708-633-5040.

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OCS plans trip to Cancun

For a perfect location for rest and relaxation and warmth, plan to join the group from the office of Senior Citizens' Services (3450 West 97th St, Evergreen Park) for the 2007 trip to Cancun January 21-27, 2007.

Trip price is $1400 including round trip transportation from the EP Community Center to Midway Airport, airfare, taxes, all-inclusive hotel, all meals, unlimited drinks and entertainment. Make your reservation with a $100 deposit as soon as possible. Call 422-8776 for more information

Evergreen Park Library and High School join for program

Evergreen Park Public Library presents "High School Musical". It is an outdoor sing-along version of the movie at Yukich Field, 90th and Kedzie in the northwest corner on Thursday, August 31, at dusk (around 8pm) by the Evergreen Park High School.

It is a free event! Concessions will be available for purchase. Proceeds will benefit the E.P Library.

Community service hours are awarded to students in Junior High and above. Call 422-8522 to volunteer.

The Crystals Take Home Gold

The Oak Lawn Park District's adult synchronized formation figure skating team, The Crystals, captured 2 gold medals at the 26th Annual ISI World Recreational Team Championships in

Marlborough, Massachusetts on July 29, 2006.

The competition drew 1850 skaters ranging in age from 3 to 81 from 6 countries – the US, Mexico, the Philippines, England, China and UAE/Dubai.

The Crystals have been competing in ISI World Competitions since 1991.

Christine Morris, a former professional skater from England, coaches the team. Team members include: Nancy Aanerud, Alsip; Cheryl Adam, Orland Park; Sandy Bock, Oak Lawn; Carrie Busch, Palos Park; Lynn Capodagli, Orland Park; Barbara Foley, Orland Park; Sandy Gardner, Frankfort;

Trudy Grauzas, Mokena; Clara Hoevel, Riverdale; Susan Lynch, Frankfort; Gayle O'Neill, Oak Forest and Mary Ellen Scott,

Chicago. Team manager is Pat Collins. The Crystals are always looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining should call the Oak Lawn Ice Arena at 708-857-5173 to arrange a try-out.

From project manager to teacher Queen of Peace teacher finds his place

When he graduated from the esteemed Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines with a BA in Mathematics, Jose Gamboa never expected that one day he would stand in front of a classroom. In fact, from the moment his grandfather gave him his first Lego set, Gamboa knew he was a builder. "I loved planning, building, and the satisfying feeling of realizing a finished product," he notes. Gamboa became an engineer.

However, when the Japanese company he worked for shifted its focus from building to demolition, Gamboa decided to move on. He remembers fondly the day that forever changed his life path. On March 23, 2003, Gamboa left the Philippines to visit his sister and nephew in Chicago. During his stay, Gamboa tutored his young nephew, who was having difficulty in math at the time. "When I saw the sparkle in my nephew's eyes after he began to grasp some of the concepts, I couldn't help but feel inspired." Gamboa had found his calling. No longer would he build structures; instead he would build young minds.

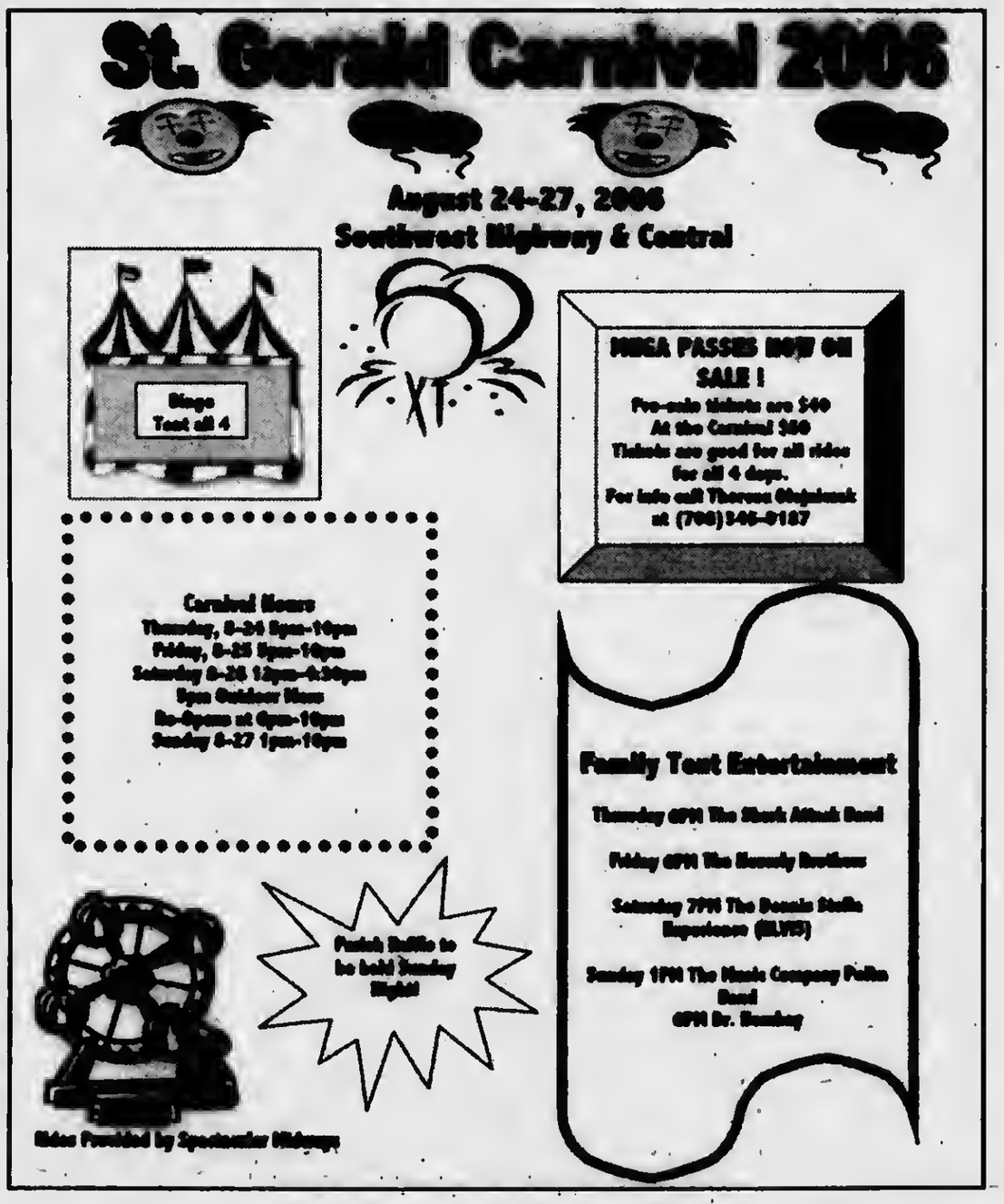
Having completed his MA in Teaching Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics at National-Louis University, Gamboa worked for the Chicago Teaching Center. His experience leading year-round math programs for Chicago-area high-school students, namely Upward Bound and BLAST (Building Leadership and Success Together), made him even more aware of the importance to prepare and encourage high-school students to pursue college.

As Queen of Peace continues to focus on improving students' abilities to think critically and solve problems under pressure, Gamboa is eager to use his experiences in ways that show students how to approach real-world challenges.

"As a Construction Management Engineer for 16 years, I used math in reading architectural plans, estimating project costs, scheduling phase deadlines, and in figuring the logistics of man-power, equipment, and materials on any given project.

Whether one is an engineer or not, math has very practical applications in all of our lives and that's something I want to show the students."

Excited. Delighted. These words don't quite capture how Gamboa feels as the rush of a new school year takes flight. "Indescribable expectations" is more like it!"



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Bridgeview adds first responders

by Matt Mayer

The Aug 16, Bridgeview Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Paul Tsiamas receiving the oath of office as police patrol officer. Kevin O'Leary also received the oath of office as firefighter/paramedic.

Other highlights: the board approved an ordinance levying taxes for the general corporate fund and special purposes for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. An ordinance levying taxes for library purposes for the fiscal year was also approved. An ordinance to rezone the property at 9342 S. Oketo Avenue from R-1 single family residential to R-2 single family residential was approved as well as an ordinance to rezone the property at 9329 S. Oketo Avenue from R-1 to R-2 single-family residential district.

An ordinance to rezone the property at 7854 W. 87th Place from R-2 single-family residence to R-4 multifamily residence including variances so 15 townhouses can be constructed was approved as well as the Gators Corner subdivision at 7760 W. 82nd Street. An ordinance granting a special use for a Social and Fraternal Association at 7731 S. Harlem Avenue was also approved.

Burbank promotes firefighters and adds police officers

by Matt Mayer

The Burbank City Council meeting commenced with fire department promotions. Fire Fighter/Paramedic Tom Barker received the oath of office as Engineer. Barker has 19 years of service with the department. Firefighter/Paramedic, David Gilgenberg also received the oath of office as Engineer. Both Firefighter's have also been members of the Technical Rescue Team and have been Hazardous Material Rescue Specialists. Gilgenberg was also instrumental in implementing the Child Safety Seat Program.

Three additional experienced police officers also were sworn in Gregg Garofalo, a 5-year veteran of the Addison Police Department, has a bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration as well as experience in gang and drug enforcement. Robert Michelson, who has worked for 5 years at the Will County Forensic Services Department, was sworn in. Michelson has a Bachelors degree in Political Science and a Masters in Psychology. Jerald Weber, who had 8 years with the Chicago Police Department, was also sworn in. Weber has 22 honorable mentions and is a recipient of a life-Saving award. An ordinance regarding an intergovernmental agreement between the city and the School District 111 was approved. This allows a resources officer to be located in the newly created position at Liberty Junior High School at 5900 W. 81st Street.

Chris Repa, Oak Lawn High Cross County and Track Coach; Travis Tuomey, Chaparone; Dan Buys, Craig Maher, Mark Miller, Matt Miller, Andy Paluck, William Stanko, Keith Vanderwerken, Mike Zero are pictured above. This group experienced a once in a life time opportunity to service people in Africa.

Cross Countries accomplishes their goal

by Annette Dixon

Two years ago a coach, by the name of Chris Repa, had an idea for eight of his track and cross country runners, male students from Oak Lawn High School. They decided they were going to Africa. Their mission was to service the people in Meseno, Kenya through an organization called Youth Encounter, supported mainly by the Lutheran Church.

I have been in contact with three of the eight boys and have been given the same response, which meant they were really busy working for 19 days in Africa.

Andy Paluck is in Milwaukee attending school at Milwaukee School of Engineering, so his mother got permission from Andy to review his diary with me.

Andy was one of the few boys that could carry water on his head. They had to walk a half mile downhill to the stream and carry a bucket of water a 1/2 mile uphill. Andy learned to use his head. Seems the people enjoyed his Kenya style of carrying the water for they really laughed when they saw him.

Dan Buys is attending North Central College in Naperville, studying Science /History. The briefing in Minnesota was scary but helpful for some people did get sick from the outhouses. The boys stayed at the Theology College, and obeyed the rules and curfew.

All three boys mentioned about helping in the hospital and helped a widowed woman with building her mud hut.

It was challenging not having plumbing, no running water, just outhouses, but the people are so happy always smiling and giving of themselves. One person gave her last bit of food to welcome the boys. Yet she was happy and smiling. "Although there was poverty, families were always happy and the peace within them was great for us to see. What I took back with me is to know that people were friendly always taking time for other people. They were making the best of the circumstances and making the best of what they have." It seemed the safari trip they had after 19 days of working was mentioned by all the boys. They saw all the animals and loved every minute of it.

Matt Miller, attends St. Xavier University. He stated, "he had a preconceived notion of what Africa was! Everyone was poor and they would be begging. It was different, they do not have anything but their culture doesn't allow them to feel poor. They have an inner peace which make their faces glow with happiness," said Matt.

Matt also spoke about the smearing of mud to help with the widow's home. After her husband died, the custom was that she could not live with her in-laws, so she and her children needed a new home. The boys also made mud with their feet and they would carry it in their arms. Sounds like an experience. I didn't ask anyone if they would want to return to Africa.

Evergreen Park reports first West Nile case

by Matt Mayer

Mayor James Sexton, at the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting, announced that an 80-year-old woman, who is recovering well, contracted the first case of West Nile Virus. This was the first confirmed case by the Cook County Health Department. Even with great strides made in eliminating the virus, there still remain isolated cases. The worst year was 2002 - Illinois had 884 human cases of West Nile and 67 deaths. Last year, which was another bad year for mosquitoes, 252 cases were reported and 12 deaths. As of Aug 24, the Cook County Department of Public health has confirmed five additional cases of the virus, for a total of nine cases within the Suburban Cook County region.

The latest cases include a 47-year old Mt. Prospect woman; a 48-year -old Arlington Heights woman; a 73-year-old man from Des Plaines; a 64-year old man from Palatine and an individual from Oak Park. Other cases include a 26- year -old woman from Rosemont, a 68-year -old man from Chicago Heights, and a 79-year -old Willow Springs woman.

Those seeking information regarding the West Nile Virus may visit the Cook County Public Health Department Website at www.cookcountypublichealth.org. Information is also available by calling the Illinois Department of Health at 1-866-369-9710.

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2-5 p.m. Cold Blooded Creatures
5 p.m. Aikido & Iaido (Japanese Swordsmanship) Demonstration
2-6 p.m. Petting Zoo & Pony Rides
6 p.m. Flying Fool

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1 –2:30 p.m. **Starlighters Band Swing/Old Big Band Music (songs from 1920 – 1960)**

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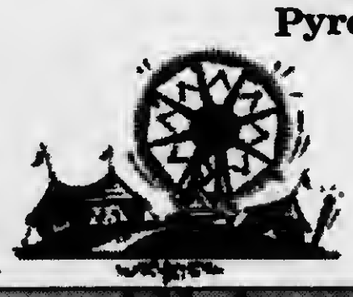

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And for treatment of kidney stones, brew up some parsley tea.

Pregnant women should avoid eating large quantities of parsley. But after the baby is born parsley can help tone the uterus.

The herb supplies important vitamins and minerals. Don't cook parsley because the heat destroys valuable vitamins and minerals. Add to pot the last minute before the dinner is done.. Dry parsley is less tasty and healthful..

Keep parsley fresh wash, dry, chop and then but in freezer bags or plastic containers and then freeze them.

Paint the Town Pink-advances in breast cancer

Advocate Christ Medical Center and Oak Lawn Mayor Dave Heilmann invite you to Paint the Town Pink. Diagnostic Radiologist Elizabeth Holland MD, Medical Oncologist, Renee Jacobs MD, FSCP and Surgeon Barbara Krueger MD, FACS will discuss recent advances in breast cancer detection and treatment on Wednesday, September 27 from 7-9pm at Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue.

Seating is limited; register by September 18 by calling Health Advisor at 1-800-323-8622 code #1C35. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

For more information, call Patrice Stephens, 708-684-5849, Peggy Kupres, 708-684-3835, or Rebecca Shields-Wills, 708-684-3289.

This program is presented in partnership with the American Cancer Society, Astra Zeneca Pharmaceticles and the Oak Lawn Community Partnership.

Rainbow Therapy Dogs popular at Health Fairs

At the Saint Xavier University annual Health Fair the Rainbow Therapy Dogs were popular among the attendees. Students enjoyed interacting with the dogs, as many had pets at home. The Rainbow Therapy Dogs and handlers/trainers were so well received that Jenny Kjos, event coordinator, has invited them back for next year's fair.

Advocate Hope Children's Hospital held their Kids' Health and Fun Fair and Rainbow Therapy Dogs were a featured attraction for kids 12 and under. The dogs delighted several hundred children with their tricks and of course the kids enjoyed hugging and petting the dogs. Both handlers and dogs enjoyed the participation and look forward to future events.

The next class in Evergreen Park for training potential therapy dogs in the Rainbow Animal Assisted Therapy Dog program begins Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 10am with four sessions. Rainbow Therapy Dog and handler partake in programs with special needs children and adults usually one hour twice a month visiting a local facility.

The class teaches you how to train your dog to become a therapy dog. Upon completion of the class the dog will receive a Canine Good Citizen Award and be eligible to continue in the process of becoming a Rainbow Therapy Dog. For more information call Dorida King at 773-736-9021 or Nancy Lind at 773-736-9021. Classes are available in the Chicagoland area.

Worth Township Clinic offers flu shots

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Mayor James Sexton with the Rich Daniels of City Lights Orchestra at the dedication in Evergreen Park of the new music stage. At the last free concert in Evergreen Park, Mayor James Sexton with the City Lights Orchestra and director Rich Daniels dedicated the new music stage in Evergreen Park.

The concerts are at Klein Park located at 97th and Homan. Rich Daniels initially from Evergreen Park has directed orchestras for Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney and Mel Torme, just to name a few. His Big band machine and City Lights Orchestra have delighted Evergreen Park residents for over 10 years. All enjoyed the music provided on a

An Irish wake at Jenny's

by Marijo Doody

Evergreen Park resident, Dickie Doody's wish was to have an old fashioned wake at his favorite restaurant. "He loved parties and sports and did not want the fun to stop after his death", said his lifelong friend, Carl Courtright, owner of Jenny's Restaurant in Chicago Ridge. We remember Jenny's from the old neighborhood in Avalon Park, the original neighborhood from the Richard Doody family. They had the five 'D' as children. Dick had sisters, Deeda, Donna, and Dixie and a brother Denny.

"Trading austere rooms of a traditional funeral parlor for other venues such as zoos, museums and even a restaurant is becoming a new trend" said Shelly Murray, a funeral director at Andrew J.McGann & Sons, who provided services. It made the whole thing more personalized and everyone had a great time!

Thanks to Chicago Ridge Mayor Gene Siegel, who determined the celebration would not violate any codes, he gave the ok. At Jenny's in a year old new addition, in the back, the closed casket was set up with an ern and photo of Dick and Jane. A podium held the registry book and memorial cards. There was a steady stream of well wishers through the evening. Even Mayor James Sexton (Evergreen Park) said, "this could be the start of a new trend." Probable several hundred came to the wake. It is a big family and there were lots of extended family and friends. There are 29 first cousins in this Doody clan.

My cousin Dick was an uncle to many as his sisters provided children: including Tim, Kathy, Suzie, Lisa, Ed, Danny, Peggy, Tommy, Wally, Debbie and the late Matt and Nancy. He had a special lady, the late Jane Conte, in his life and her daughter, Liz (Jerry Kenny), was like one to Dick and her children, Jane and Mike Kenny, had an almost grandpa

Dick was seen in the neighborhood at Ken, Jenny's and other local spots. I usually saw him at White Hen.

His family and friends will miss him, but we'll always remember his send off at the old time Irish wake. He will be routing on the favorite Chicago teams. Slanta! To a successful man Dick Doody!

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Some couples have two cakes, a sheet cake for the guests and a tier cake for the wedding party. A tradition is for the top layer of the cake to be frozen and eaten by the bride and groom on their first anniversary.

Another tradition is to have a separate groom's cake. That's usally dark chocolate or a cake with fruit filling. The groom cuts the cake and gives a piece to each single bridesmaid. The girls place the cake under their pillow that night for dreams of their future husband.

If you can afford it, you may want a sweet table. Shop around bakeries and sample sweets to et he best look and taste and price available.

The cutting of the cake at the reception is a special moment. The groom places his hand over the brides and they share the first piece of cake together. It symbolizes their willingness to share the rest of their lives together.

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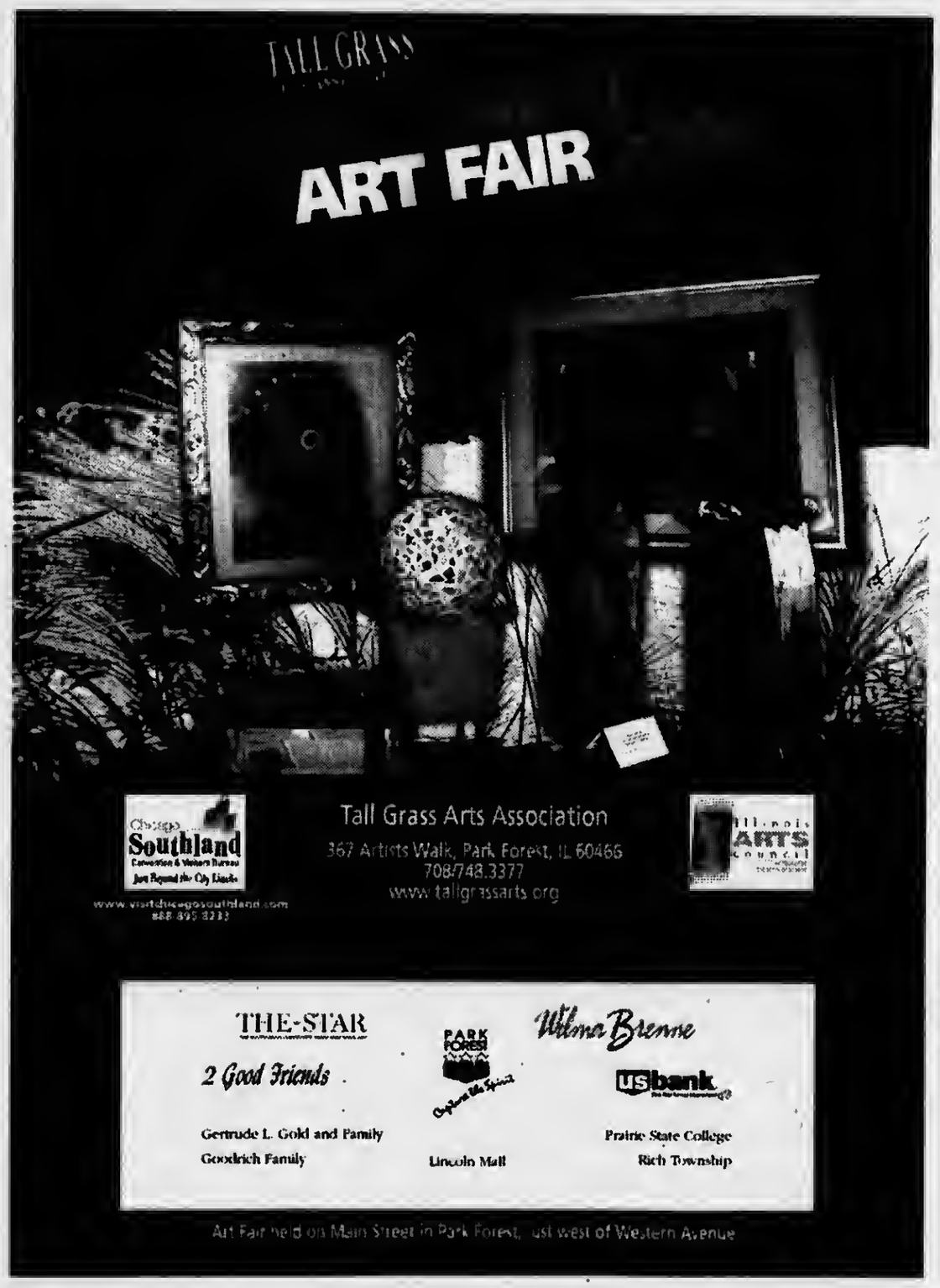
Carlene O'Connor



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For all Signs for September 5th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also available online, along with my "Numi" column. Go to TheDailyPsychic.Com & now my weekly Celebrity Profiles are back in JackiMari.Com [don't miss it!] Telafriend!

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Yes, it is time to realize what is working with you or against you. Then you can make decisions accordingly. F aids.
Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: A time-warp seems to be involved in how you feel & how you are acting. You seem con-fused. S helps.
Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: Read the above message & add this: parents seem distant. Why? Ask! A Taurus or Libra can aid.
Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: A bit "touchy" lately? It seems that frustration & aggravation have taken a hold in your life. They are demons!
Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message & add this: it'll be this way until you know what &/or who you want. B helps.
Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: This is a "tell it like it is" week with no exceptions! You & others will benefit from this. D aids.
Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Parents who are forced to take a back seat in their children's lives often "divorce" [emotionally] the kids sooner or later. M aids.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message & add this, "being ignored hurts."

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Pass onto others what you cannot use or do not want. You are rewarded three times over. G and J help, ask.

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Discussion Group about ***All Things Paranormal*** is Sept 13th [nightmares] starting at 7pm at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]; Mini-sessions Sept 11th. Psychic Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] ***Sept 18th*** from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. *"Telafriend"* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for ***Speaking Engagements.***

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Barbara Pyne, Gordon Fiedler, Aisling Berry, Doris Gregory McCarthy enjoying conversation between bingo games.

St. Gerald holds their second carnival

St. Gerald's Parish in Oak Lawn held their second annual carnival. Chairing the successful event was Trustee (Dist.2) Alex Olejniczak.

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Noon to 5 p.m
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Beverly South Christian women club event

Beverly South Christian Women's Club sponsors luncheon "Dolls and Directors" on Thursday, September 21 at noon at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W 95th St. Hickory Hills, Illinois. Cost of the luncheon is $11, payable at the door. Call Marcella at 708-458-1855 or Helen at 708-598-8191 for reservations.

The guest speaker Joyce Bardin, will get us "Heading in the Right Direction". Music selections will delight and sooth! Ruth Nolan will talk about her extensive doll collection.

Oak Lawn Library adult programs

Oak Lawn Library announces the following adult September programs. They include "The Return of Tit: Art and Archaeology" on Monday, September 18 It is a compliment to the Field Museum's current exhibit on display through January 1, 2007.

There is an Open Mic Short story and Poetry Reading on Wednesday, September 20. This is for original poetry and short stories. Come to share and mingle.

Certified Professional Resume Writer, Georgiana Carollus will provide a foundation for creating resume of power and impact. This program is Tuesday, September 26. The above programs are at 7pm in the lower level meeting rooms. Programs are free.

AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Class is Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29 at 10am to 2pm. Advanced registration and $10 is required. In person registration begins Saturday, September 2. The class is limited to 24 for drivers 50 and up. To find other AARP courses call 1-888-227-7669.

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The Powers of Love

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By all accounts, the Powers household was like any other in the Mt. Greenwood community. With five daughters close in age, and a son, there was, no doubt, never a dull moment for their patient parents. And I thought having two daughters less than two years apart was a challenge!

Like any other family overflowing with females, they fought, snuck each others clothes and, in coming of age years, shared the all important teen-age secrets. They supported each other in bad times and shared the laughter in happy times.

Not much has changed in the years since they have grown into adults.

I recently read an empowering story about the Powers women. They have joined forces to fight breast cancer with what they call Team KA-POW. Membership to this team includes many friends and family who support Annie Powers Gruber and Kathleen Powers Cecil, both cancer patients who are dedicated to raising funds to find a cure for this dreaded disease.

Breast cancer is not the only medical affliction affecting women in the Powers family. Along with her mother, Debbie Powers Quinn frequently fights the painful flare-ups that Rheumatoid arthritis brings, but it doesn't divert her efforts to support the cause of cancer research on behalf of her sisters.

But perhaps there is another side to this story, an inspiring show of their sisterly love that is a profound example of sodality in overcoming adversity.

Kathleen was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2001. Her sister Annie would also be diagnosed with the same disease, one year later.

Sadly, in 2005, Kathleen's cancer was found to have spread to her pelvis and spine, while Annie's breast cancer had also returned.

Through the demands of dealing with cancer and undergoing the rigorous chemo regiments to treat it, a story of pure love and hope is born amid the medical challenges. For Annie the desire to become a mother never faded though it seemed unlikely. Medications and cancer treatments would prevent her from becoming pregnant. And then, the Powers of love shone brightly on a promising situation.

Annie wanted a baby of her own but wouldn't be able to carry one. But, her sister Mary could. Mary became a surrogate mother for Annie, an unselfish act of love that not many women would be able to commit to.

Little Mary Elise Gruber was born July 2, 2006, lovingly named after the aunt who carried her, allowing her to grow right below her heart. To her mom, Mary is a wee angel of pure love, an answered prayer from God above.

Sisters, they share many things throughout a life time. They celebrate good times and hold each other up when bad times threaten to knock them down.

When family ties are sewn securely within the heart - there is nothing that can't be done or overcome. In writing this column I am reminded of an old __expression - "It's not what life hands you but how you handle it that counts." The determination of these women is a gift of inspiration to us all and a true testament to their parents, Marilyn and Gene Powers,who can be so proud of raising such loving, caring and compassionate daughters.

There is no denying the Powers of sisterly love.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

If I can bring joy into the world... then I'll be successful. (Bobby McFerrin.)

GOD BLESS AMERICA USS New York

With a year to go before it even touches the water, the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS New York has already made history. It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center

USS New York is about 45 percent complete and should be ready for launch in mid-2007. Katrina disrupted construction when it pounded the Gulf Coast last summer, but the 684-foot vessel escaped serious damage, and workers were back at the yard near New Orleans two weeks after the storm.

It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft.

"It would be fitting if the first mission this ship would go on is to make sure that bin Laden is taken out, his terrorist organization is taken out," said Glenn Clement, a paint foreman. "He came in through the back door and knocked our towers down and (the New York) is coming right through the front door, and we want them to know that."

Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite , LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept. 9, 2003, "those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence," recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. "It was a spiritual moment for everybody there."

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the tradecenter steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the "hair on my neck stood up." "It had a big meaning to it for all of us," he said. "They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back." The ship's motto? - 'Never Forget'

* relieve pain and ease joint mobility in osteoarthritis. To learn more about Active Aging Week — go to website ICAA website and click on the Consumer Resources links.

Attention Evergreen Park Residents

The Evergreen Park Library is being a twelve month expansion and renovation project. The library will remain open during construction. September 5, Monday through Thurs. 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m Fri. 1 to 5 p.m. Sat 9 to 5 p.m. Sun. 12 to 4 p.m.

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All participants will march with the award-winning Marching Mustangs" of St. Rita High School during a pregame show in Doyle Stadium prior to the homecoming game vs. DeLaSalle.

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Queen of Peace teacher helps rural America

Queen of Peace High School Instructional Technology Coordinator and Physical Education teacher Mary Pat Pearson looked forward to spending a week of her summer vacation building front porches and repairing roofs – just as she did last summer.

Pearson and Peace Service Coordinator Kristine Owens led six Queen of Peace students on a cross-country drive to Nazareth Farm in West Virginia. Nazareth Farm is a Catholic community of volunteers that operates on the cornerstones of prayer, community, simplicity and service.

Their mission notes: "We are devoted to developing relationships and eliminating sub-standard housing through home repair in rural West Virginia. We provide a communal experience of Church as a center of action and prayer."

St. Michael School Advisory Board to host annual golf outing

On Saturday, October 7, 2006 the St. Michael School Advisory Board will host its 4th annual golf outing at Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park. The event raises funds to help keep the cost of Catholic education at an affordable level.

Tee times are available for singles and foursomes. A $125 donation includes green fees, golf cart, lunch at the halfway house, a door prize raffle ticket and a delicious barbeque dinner. Friends and spouses who wish to join in the dinner only may do so for $25 per person.

The scramble format gold outing will feature longest drive and closest to the pin contests. Plus, there will be mulligans at select holes.

Community businesses and organizations are invited to donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole at the golf outing. Raffle prizes could include gift certificates or a wide variety of other items. By sponsoring a hole for $125, businesses will be acknowledged with a sign at the hole and in the golf program.

For more information, including scheduling a tee time or helping to sponsor the event, call Fred Zeilner at 708-460-4657 or Tony Calderone at 708-878-9650.

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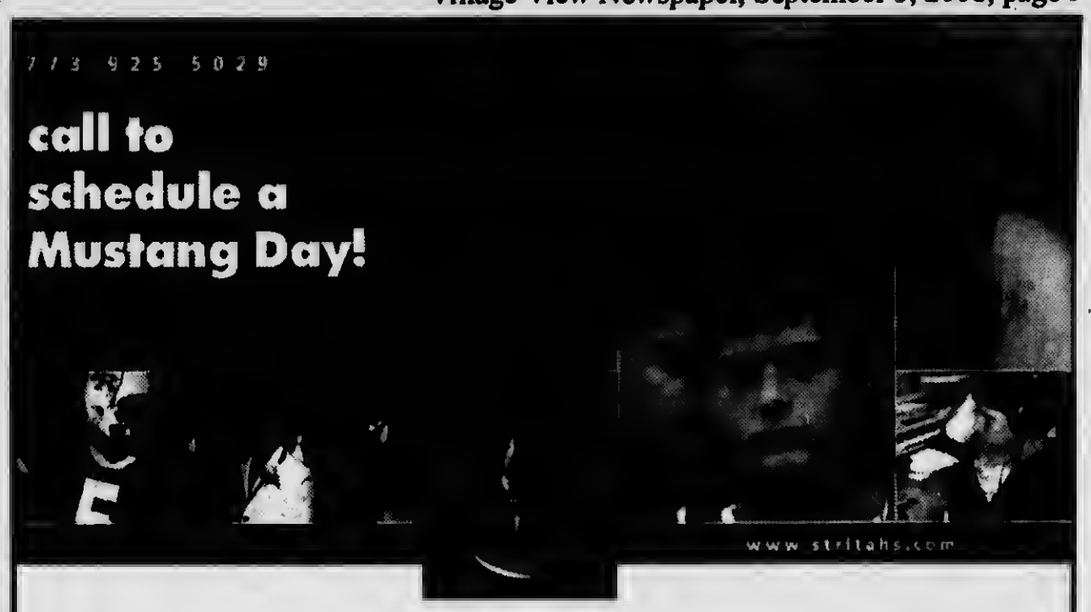

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The timeless tale of Little Orphan Annie stars Conrad John Schuck, with newcomer Marissa O'Donnell in the title role. With one of the most treasured scores in Broadway history, ANNIE is a delightful theatrical experience for the entire family.

ANNIE will play the LaSalle Bank Theatre, 18 West Monroe, September 19 - October 1. .Tickets range in price from $20 - $72 and will be available at Broadway In Chicago Box Offices (18 W. Monroe St., 24 W. Randolph St. and 151 W. Randolph St.), through the Broadway In Chicago Ticket Line at (312) 902-1400, at all Ticketmaster ticket centers. For more information, www.BroadwayInChicago.com

DON'T MAKE ME OVER

Due to the overwhelming success of Black Ensemble Theater's World Premiere musical Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick), founder and creator Jackie Taylor proudly announces that the show, originally slated to run until August 27, has officially been extended through October, 2006.

Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick) is written and directed by Black Ensemble Theater Company Founder & Executive Director Jackie Taylor.

"'Phenomenal singer,' 'courageous lady,' and 'living legend' all come to mind when trying to best describe Dionne Warwick," said Ms. Taylor.

This production continues the company's popular "Season of Women" theme, celebrating the achiements of African American women. What was expected to be a single "Season of Women" was launched in 2004 with the smash hit, Somebody Say Amen (Great Women of Some two years later – thanks to productions of At Last: A Tribute to Etta James and Nina Simone: The High Priestess Speaks – Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick marks the fourth original work in this series.

In addition to the aforementioned talents, Don't Make Me Over (In Tribute to Dionne Warwick) features Shay Ames as Burt Bacharach and Barry Manilow, Jacqueline Thomas as Lee Warrick, and Toi Overton as Cissy Houston. Dee Dee Warwick is played by Marquecia Jordan, while Nikita Harris, Dwight Neal and Gemini Wadley play various roles.

Musical Director for the production is Jimmy Tillman (drums), with musical arrangements by Thomas Washington. Other band members include Hank Ford (saxophone), Paul Howard (trumpet), Bill McFarland (trombone), Anderson Edwards (bass), Derrick Bounds (piano) Randell Johnson (piano) and Herb Walker (guitar).

Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m. Performances NOW continue through October, 2006.

Regular tickets are $35.00, with discounts available for seniors, students and groups.

All performances will take place at The Black Ensemble Theater, 4520 N. Beacon. Tickets are available by calling the Black Ensemble Theater Box Office at 773-769-4451 or Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500, or online at ticketmaster.com.

Noble Fool Theatre news

Noble Fool Theatricals announces another season of crazy sing-a-longs, witty tales, and plenty o'pints with 'Flanagan's Wake' at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles playing September 1 to June 24, 2007. The interactive Irish comedy is back by popular demand.

It takes place in County Sligo where the town people tell tales, sing songs and mourn the passing on one of there own, Flanagan. Audience members are transported to the Isle to grieve as only the Irish can.

The wake continued to draw mourners and it has been going strong for eleven years. The case features experienced actors from the Chicagoland area who have been perfuming the Irish wake for several years and can interchange roles for greater flexibility in the season.

Pheasant Run Resort & Spa is 401 East main Street in St. Charles. For tickets call the box office at 630-584-6342. You can log on at www.noblefool.org.

Pegasus Players open 28th season

Pegasus Players open 28th season with "Pantomime" by Nobel Laureate Derek Walcott. It runs September 8 to October 22, 2006. "Pantomime" features an English hotel owner in Tobago who proposes he and a black handyman work up a satire on the Robinson Crusoe story with hopes of entertaining future guests.

Artistic Director, Alex Levy indicated "in the past year it has been apparent America is still dealing with day-to-day issues regarding race and its scars, regardless of the time period."

Performance schedule is Thursday through Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are $17-$25. Call the box office at 773-878-9761 located 1145 West Wilson at the O'Rourke Center at Truman College.

Saint Xavier University Music Program

Music and the Search for Meaning: Interpreting the Signs and Symbols of Meaning will be Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at McGuire Hall, 3700 West 103rd St. It features Shulamit Ran, Pulitzer Prize Winner and Professor of Composition at University of Chicago.

Cost is $5 for SXU community with ID, BAC and CFF Members and seniors. General admission is $10. Tickets are available at the door or on line at www.beverlyartcenter.org.

Museum Science and Industry has city science week

From Saturday, September 23 to Friday, September 29 the Museum of Science and Industry will have weekend activities to launch the first City Science Week. In honor of the exhibit "Target America: Opening Eyes to the Damage Drugs Cause", the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will show some amazing technology that is used to help combat the illegal drug trade.

The DEA presentations will include landing its drug enforcement helicopters on the Museum's front lawn, demonstrations with drug-sniffing dogs and a chance to see the DEA technology in action. General admission is $11, adults, $9:50 seniors and $7 children 3-11. MSI is located 57th and Lake Shore Drive.

Art Silhan Musichorale golf outing

Musichorale is sponsoring the 12th Annual Art Silhan Memorial Golf Outing. Musichorale is a nonprofit Art Center celebrating its 60th year. The golf outing is on Sunday, September 24th at Gleneagles Country Club located 13070 McCarthy Road in Lemont. Tee times are 11:30am to 1pm

An eagle sponsor is $200 or more, birdie sponsor is $150-$199 and par sponsor is $100-$149. Hole sponsorships are needed. Golf and dinner are $110. This fee includes golf, cart, lunch and dinner. Dinner only is $35.

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There is an old fashioned boardwalk and amusement park, however, that isn't at all what Indiana Beach is about.

There is also a sandy beach for swimming a slide and for just sun bathing and relaxing. If staying overnight admission is free into the park and on the beach. What is an additional charge would be the five roller coasters, a water park with six water slides, over thirty rides and attractions, dining, shopping.

Two water fun attractions are new additions for 2006. Indian Beach is introducing Splash Battle, an interactive family water ride, and splash bash, a zero depth water play area within the water park.

Indiana Beach provides a summertime vacation value. At Indiana Beach, the park entrance fee is only $2.50 per person, if you are not staying at one of the parks for overnight accomodations. Indiana Beach offers a variety of overnight guest lodging options including two camp resorts, an inn, a motel, and the new Hoosier Pointe Cottages.

Indiana Beach is loaded with endless entertainment options. Fine dining is available at The Skyroom Restaurant, live music fills the air at the fun Roof Garden Lounge, and guests of all ages will enjoy a paddle boat tour of Lake Shafer aboard the mighty Shafer Queen. On Friday evening a live DJ spins music on the Boardwalk Funway and on Saturday nights, the Indiana Beach Ballroom hosts a Teen Dance Club. Bring the boats for you can enjoy fishing, boating, water skiing, jet skiing, and much more on the exciting shores of Lake Shafer and Lake Freeman. There's even two 18 hole golf courses near the vacation paradise.

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Lawrence County in Southern Indiana

While visiting an Indiana Tourism Expo recently, I came across a county I didn't visit nor did anyone present this county to me.

Jennifer presented a slide presentation in which I was quite impressed. She started out with mentioning that the limestone from this county supplied the Empire State Building and the Pentagon. The two level, 500 foot exhibit shows visitors tools, murals, maps, fossils, historical new account and archival and architectural photographs that also demonstrates how this natural resource helped develop a 19th century rural Indiana county into a booming national industrial center. This exhibit is house in a 1926 Beford limestone building that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Exhibit hours are 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is Free.

This is the home of 4 astronauts including Virgil I. Grissom. There is a Center to learn about the Hoosier who pioneered outer space. See Grissom's suit and the Gemini capsule that he flew in orbit, and learn about the tragic event that ended his life on the Apollo launch pad in 1967.

There is also an underground river here, it's Bluespring Caverns. These limestone caverns are Indiana's greatest natural wonder. More than 20 miles of explored passageways and flowing streams converge to form the underground river traveled by electric tour boats on the "Mystery River Voyage." Bluespring Caverns is one of the twenty largest natural caves in the U.S. and contains the nation's longest navigable underground waterway.

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Let's not forget Spring Mill State Park. This is an all inclusive recreational destination, because it's an 1800s pioneer village, complete with a working grist mill; guided boat tours through the Twin Caves; and a space museum and memorial dedicated to astronaut Virgil "Gus" Grisson.

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Tinley Park Library news

Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library invites children ages 8-11 to celebrate Wetland Wildlife on Saturday, September 9 from 1:30-2:30pm. Participants will hike and do nature activities, as well as listen to a talk about our wetlands given by a representative from Little Red Schoolhouse. The program will be held rain or shine! Registration begins Tuesday, September 5.

Adults 18 and older are invited to sign up a their regular Tinley Park Library Bookmobile stop for a chance to win some great prizes just by reading favorite Bookmobile authors. The program runs September 11 to November 30, 2006. To register come aboard the bookmobile see the web www.tplibrary.org or call 708-532-0160 ex 9.

With the 5th anniversary of 9-11, the Tinley Park Library invites you to read or re-read the book 1984 by George Orwell. Discussions will take place in October. Books will be available for check out September 11. For more information call at ex 3. The library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

The Tinley Park Library in conjunction with its mystery book club Partners in Crime invite you to solve a mystery at the library on Monday, October 2 at 6:30pm.

There is a $10 admission for dinner and the mystery whodunit. Registration and fee payment begin September 5 at the library as cited above.

Friends of Tinley Park Library events

Join the Friends of Tinley Park Library during the month of September and receive a free Fannie May candy bar. Be a friend and help the library grow by supporting special events and library programs Register at the Patron Services Desk and become a valuable team player in the community.

On November 30 join Friends of Tinley Park Library for a performance of "A Christmas Story" at Theatre at the center in Munster. Reservations begin September 5 for $58 which includes transportation, lunch and ticket. Cash or check only. For more information call the library at 708-532-0160 ex 3. The library is located 8751 Timber Drive.

Tinley Park approves redevelopment project

by Matt Mayer

Residents near the Oak Park Metra Station opposed to the Tinley Park Place redevelopment project attended the Aug 22, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting and voiced numerous criticisms against the $100 million redevelopment project slated for the area near 173rd and Oak Park Avenue. Their concerns were that the project will take away from the historic character of the area, it would be too dense and increase traffic.

The board proceeded and unanimously approved an ordinance and resolution necessary for the adoption of the redevelopment project also know as the North Street project in an effort to lure people into the downtown area and increase local businesses. The project is slated to include 115 condominiums, underground parking, 16,000 square feet of office space, approximately 43,000 square feet of retail space, and a two-story 11-screen 1,930-seat movie theater.

The developer, L&H Real Estate Group, will pay $65 million for the construction of the buildings, which will include expansion of Zabrocki Plaza, doubling it's size, and the construction of an underground parking garage under the new park. A configuration of the Central Middle School site for an interim parking lot is also included. The village will utilize $4.5 million from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for the expansion of water and sewer lines as well as other public improvements. A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvements within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies, such as schools and libraries. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years. The village is confident that the debt obligation will be met and if not, the village has a rainy day funds.

Orland Park approves insurance renewals

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the 2007 fiscal year insurance renewals at the Aug. 21, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. The renewal is with Blue Cross Blue Shield for medical services, Delta Dental for dental services, Fort Dearborn for Life/AD&D services, VSP, for vision services for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007. The Horton Group will also be retained for consulting services.

Other highlights: a resolution was approved with Fifth Third Bank to designate the Finance Director, Village Manager, Assistant Village Manager and Assistant Finance Director as staff that is authorized to utilize Fifth Third Bank treasury management services, which includes wire services, ach transactions, sweep services, deposit management services and lockbox services along with authorization for the Mayor and Finance Director to be designated as signatories on accounts at the bank.

The board approved a request for payment for land parcels along 153rd street between Wolf Road and West Avenue to following parties: St. George Corporation-Palos Community Hospital, 12251 S. 80th Avenue for $93,400 Guadalupe Arce, at 11025 West 153rd Street for $34,700; Andrew Corporation, 3 Westbrook Corporate Center, Westchester, for $295,600 and Braun and Aldridge, Inc. 485 Village Green Road, Naperville for $5,500.

A Centennial Pool request to purchase a lazy river pool pump from Metropolitan Industries, Inc in an amount not to exceed $6,064.64 was approved as well as a request to waive the bidding process and award a contract to Metropolitan Pump Company for a pool pump in an amount not to exceed $12,912. A contract with Funbrellas in an amount not to exceed $3,882 was also approved as well as a contract with Zenon Company of Buffalo Grove for the purchase of adjustable sling chair at a cost not to exceed 5,000 for the Centennial Park Aquatic Center.

Bishop dedicates new Marianjoy Chapel

The Most Reverend Joseph L. Imisch, retired Bishop of Joliet, presided over the dedication mass for the new chapel at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital that will open in September. Also blessed were the three floors of the new hospital, the labyrinth gardens and the meditation room.

The new chapel has two floors and it is wheelchair accessible. The colors in the stain-glass elements symbolize the healing energy and hope that is central to the work done at Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital. It reflects the holistic healing philosophy embraced by Marianjoy and the Franciscan heritage of the Wheaton Franciscan Sisters.

Marianjoy is a member of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Rehabilitation. The new hospital has 120 rooms giving patients a view of the woods and prairies that make up the 60- acre campus. It is dedicated to the delivery of physical rehabilitative medicine.

Marianjoy has a network of inpatient and outpatient sites and physician clinics throughout the greater Chicago area. It assists patients with community re-entry, such as driver rehabilitation services, and return to work programs.

Wheaton Franciscan Services Inc. owns and operates more than 100 health and shelter service organizations in Illinois, Colorado, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Can't Pay for Health Insurance, call Annette 708-423-9754

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Arts in Education Series announced at CPA at GSU

The Center for Performing Arts at Governors State University announces the 2006-07 Arts in Education Series. It is in its 10th consecutive year of programming for children. The upcoming program presents programs that are multicultural, diverse and educational as well as entertaining.

Kicking off the series will be "The Story of Pocahantas" on Monday, November 6. On Tuesday, December 6th, the Emerald City Theatre Company of Chicago will present "The Nutcracker Christmas." Theatreworks USA, will bring a witty version of Charles Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol" to the center on December 18.

To kick off 2007, on February 1 will be the compelling story "Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad" produced by Theatre IV. On February 28 will be "Let's Go Science" and on March 9th the Bernstain Bears appear on stage in a production by Omaha Theatre Company. On April 4 Chicago Shakespeare Theatre's groundbreaking Short Shakespeare presents Bard's "Taming of the Shrew."

The final program for Arts in Education is on April 18 that is "Through the Eyes of Ann Frank" presented by Living Voices and Teamworks USA.

Tickets for most of the programs are $6 with one ticket free for every 25 purchased. For information and reservations for school groups call The Center box office at 708-235-2222 or visit the wet at www.centertickets.net.

Box office hours are 10am to 4pm. The Center is located at Governors Highway and University Parkway, Paint the Town Pink 45 minutes south of the loop, off I-57 at Sauk Trail. Parking is free.

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Active Aging Week is September 25 thru October 1,2006. Visit the International Council on Active Aging and click on Consumer Resources to learn more and find a organization in your area.

If you exercise 30 minutes of the day, this will boost your fitness and improve your health. There are many ways to do so, by walking, mowing the lawn, dancing, swimming, climbing the stairs, and much more. What ever is good for you.

Regular exercise also reduces the risk for many diseases and can post pone disability.

For instance, exercise can:

* reduce the risk of heart disease, color cancer, and diabetes
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Water's Edge Golf Club 7205 West 115th St., Worth IL. has a daily luncheon special and the best atmosphere for an afternoon lunch. Try their sandwiches, soup and salads.GiveDee Underwood a call for group luncheons, 708-671-1032.

Lunch Panel of Successful Chicago Business Women to Share Strategies at PWN "Making Connections" Conference

Successful business women sharing their strategies will be one of the high lights at "Making Connections, Getting Results," a full-day regional conference for women in business sponsored by the Professional Women's Network (PWN) on Thursday, September 28, at the Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 S. Cicero Avenue in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Brenda Sexton, Managing Director of the Illinois Film Office, will provide the keynote address. Registrations are being accepted now through September 15.

Registration fees for PWN members are $99 per person and $125 for nonmembers. A student registration fee of $49 is available this year to encourage young women to attend this powerful event and "Get Connected".

For more information on the upcoming Conference or for registration forms, access the PWN website at www.professionalwoman.org or call (708) 937-5525.

News South Suburban College

The South Suburban College Baseball and Softball Programs will be holding the first annual golf outings in October to raise funds for athletic equipment and travel costs to national tournaments.

The Bulldog Baseball Golf Outing will take place on Friday, October 6 at Glenwoodie Golf course on 193rd & State Street, Glenwood Illinois. The cost is $100 per golfer and includes the golf, dinner and door prizes. Registration begins at 12 noon with a shotgun start at 1pm.

The SSC Softball Team will hold its first outing the following day on Saturday, October 7 at Scherwood Golf course located at 600 E Joliet Road in Schererville, In. Cost is$75 per golfer and includes golf, dinner and door prizes. All golfers must have a tee time and the outing begins at 11am from the first tee. Hole sponsorships are available for $100.

Both outings are open to the public and checks can be sent to South Suburban College Baseball or Softball at 15800 S. State Street, South Holland Il. 60473.To partake in the outings call Coach Kkadin Mahmet at 708-596-2000 ex 2575.

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The Witness performed under the stars

by Linda Steiner

I have talk to alot of our customers who have summer homes out in the Arkansas area, or customers who have come to visit Hot Springs, Arkansas. I suggest you all come to Arkansas not only for the hot spring baths but to see a wonderful live play, titled "The Witness," performed Under the Stars with live animals. This play is for all ages.

Last Friday, August 25,2006, I was invited to see the play and was surely surprised with the professional actors, playing the live scenes. The actors where all volunteers, and ranged from the baby to adults, in there 90's, altogether, approximately 125 people, who helped to put on this production. They had fabulous voices that you would pay to hear at the opera.

The day I went it rained most of the day, but that evening you could see every star in the sky while the beautiful music, singing and acting was take place. The costumes where bright in color, like they where brand new for each scene.

The Witness is a musical - drama of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth and sung by the Apostle Peter [the witness] with accompaning chorus of the Galilean Villager with the setting between the Arkansas mountains and wooded valley.

The Witness has open their 26th season this year, and has seating for a 1000 people. The play started about 8p.m. every Friday and Saturday evening through Oct 7,2006.

All groups are welcomed and for general admission tickets, just call 501-623-9781 or visit their website at www.witnessproductions.com

I enjoyed the play so much, next weekend we are planing to take a few or our friends who are coming to visit Hot Springs, to see the play. I can hardly wait to see the play again. It is worth seeing more than once, and I give it a 5 star performance.

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Members including male and female are between 7 and 80 years young. Each meeting members donate goodies and the club supplies the food. Call Carol for more information, 708-599-1129.

Lake Katherine Family Programs

All programs will be held at the Lake Katherine Environmental Learning Center. Reservations are required for all programs. Registration and payment for programs must be in person at Lake Katherine no later than the Thursday before the program.
(NO TELEPHONE REGISTRATION ACCEPTED)
Space is limited. Early registration is recommended. For more information please contact our Naturalists at 708/361-1873

Simply Birds Enjoy an early morning stroll through the preserve in search of migrating birds. This naturalist lead bird walk is geared for both the beginner and the seasoned birder. Bring your binoculars and your curiosity.
Cost: Free
Min/Max: 6/16

Dates	Day	Time
September 2, 9, 23, 30	Saturday	7:30am
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Monarch Butterfly Festival
Mark your calendar today, because you don't want to miss Lake Katherine's "buggiest" event of the year. Come and see the spectacular butterflies, and don't forget the other fun, food and frolic for an entire day of family fun. Any child in a butterfly/insect costume will receive a free gift bag (while supplies last) and march in the parade!
Date: Sunday September 17, 2006
Time: 11:00am - 4:30pm
Cost: There is a small entrance fee
Nature Photography Contest
Every year at our Monarch Butterfly Festival we feature an amateur photography contest. You may enter your favorite photographs taken at Lake Katherine Nature Center and Botanic Gardens.
All photographs need to be submitted by Tuesday September 12, 2006. Judging will be on Wednesday, September 13, 2006. Winners will be displayed for the Monarch Butterfly Festival held on Sunday, September 17, 2006.
Funds raised will go toward displays and educational programs in the Environmental Learning Center.
Good luck to all our amateur photographers and thank you for your participation!
Telephone the Nature Center at 708/361-1873 if you have any questions.
Sept. Hayride and Campfire-
September is a time of harvest and folk lore. This hayride/campfire will feature Native American folk lore and how they grew and harvested corn, beans, and squash. We'll also enjoy eating some tasty harvest food cooked on the campfire.

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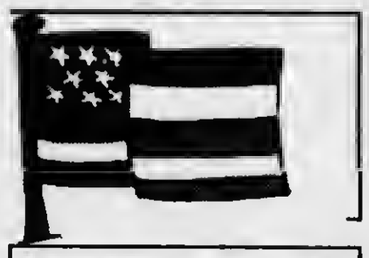

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Beverly South Christian women club event

Beverly South Christian Women's Club sponsors luncheon "Dolls and Directors" on Thursday, September 21 at noon at the Lexington House banquet facility, 7717 W 95th St. Hickory Hills, Illinois. Cost of the luncheon is $11, payable at the door. Call Marcella at 708-458-1855 or Helen at 708-598-8191 for reservations.

The guest speaker Joyce Bardin, will get us "Heading in the Right Direction". Music selections will delight and sooth! Ruth Nolan will talk about her extensive doll collection.

Oak Lawn Library adult programs

Oak Lawn Library announces the following adult September programs. They include "The Return of Tit: Art and Archaeology" on Monday, September 18 It is a compliment to the Field Museum's current exhibit on display through January 1, 2007.

There is an Open Mic Short story and Poetry Reading on Wednesday, September 20. This is for original poetry and short stories. Come to share and mingle.

Certified Professional Resume Writer, Georgiana Carollus will provide a foundation for creating resume of power and impact. This program is Tuesday, September 26. The above programs are at 7pm in the lower level meeting rooms. Programs are free.

AARP's 55 Alive Driver Safety Class is Thursday and Friday, September 28 and 29 at 10am to 2pm. Advanced registration and $10 is required. In person registration begins Saturday, September 2. The class is limited to 24 for drivers 50 and up. To find other AARP courses call 1-888-227-7669.

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Evergreen Park waives library fees

by Matt Mayer

The board moved swiftly through the brief meeting of the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting. The board approved a request to waive all license and construction fees associated with the library renovation. Mayor James Sexton said the money for this project is coming from sales tax dollars from retailers such as Wal-Mart and therefore no property tax dollars will be used.

The library construction commenced Sept. 5. Due to a rigorous construction schedule, the hours of operation were modified until further notice. The schedule is as follows: Monday -Thursday, 1:00-9:00 p.m.; Friday 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00-5:00 p.m. and Sunday 12:00-4:00 p.m. The library renovation is slated to increase the children's area to three times larger that its present size, which will include a program room; a young adult area; triple the amount of computers; three group study rooms; a quiet reading room; a public meeting room for library programs and community functions and a conference/exhibit room. Functionally, there will be a brand new 23,000 square foot library.

The month of Sept. was proclaimed National Save a life Month and the week of Sept 17 was proclaimed Constitution Week.

Oak Lawn-Burbank ambulances to have 12-lead ECG's

by Matt Mayer

Acting Village Manager/ Fire Chief Ed Folliard said Advocate Christ hospital elected to donate two $25,000 12-lead pre hospital ECG machines to Oak Lawn and one to Burbank. One ECG machine will be in each life support ambulance at the two fire stations. "This is cutting edge technology and we are the first in our area for this. I know this experimental program will be a success", Folliard said.

Due to the skill of the of the paramedics in Oak Lawn and the significantly higher rate of heart attacks than other surrounding municipalities, The Emergency Room Director Nancy Pasieta contacted the village regarding this program. "Regular meetings then followed with Pasieta, Oak Lawn EMS Director Peter Lombardi and myself", Folliard said.

The 12-lead ECG allows the transmission from the ambulance to a handheld computer at Christ Hospital allowing a cardiologist the ability to view ECG's electronically. And if the cardiologist determines that a heart attack is occurring in the field, the ER will then notify the cardiac catheterization lab, which then will be present in the ER eliminating a substantial amount of time. The pre hospital 12 lead ECG decreases the time to lytic therapy by 25-36 minutes, a critical factor in saving heart muscle. The 12-lead ECG's will also provide a comparison to previously performed ECG's and also provide the ER a tracing to compare with the ECG that will be preformed minutes after the patients ER arrival. The pre hospital ECG's improve patient out comes and help save lives.

On June 6, 2006 Firefighters-Paramedics James Casper, Steve McKenna, Dan Roony and Mark Cesario received the Outstanding Call of the Year Award from Advocate Christ hospital Medical Center emergency Services Department. The crew responded to a call for an unconscious patient whose throat was swollen and was in respiratory failure due to suffering an anaphylactic shock reaction to medication. The crew then performed a needle cricothyrotomy through the cricothyroid membrane - until air can be aspired. This procedure allows the patient an oxygen supply and in this case saved her life. The Emergency Medical Technologist-Paramedics were honored at the June 13 Board of Trustees Meeting, at which time Chief Folliard said that the doctors at Christ Hospital had said they had never seen this performed in the field.

Photo; Rich Coplan, Red Cross volunteer, Honorable Dorothy Brown, Patrick John Hilado, Deputy Council of the Philippines and Kate Monrus, Blue Cross Manager of Resource Development

American Red Cross Philippines Relief receives check

Honorable Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County presented a check for $2464 to representatives of the American Red Cross Philippines Relief Fund. A major landslide in the central Philippines following heavy rains buried an entire village. The Red Cross team provided basic needs of those affected.

Saint Xavier University announces May 2006 May Graduates

Proud to have more than 1,000 graduates

The following students graduated from Saint Xavier University in May 2006. To be eligible for University graduation honors, the student must have completed at least 50 graded semester hours at Saint Xavier University and earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 for cum laude, 3.7 for magna cum laude and 3.9 for summa cum laude. This is a partial list which includes only the suburbs of Bridgeview and Burbank.

Bridgeview

Nicole Dabros, B.S., elementary education (magna cum laude)
Manar Jamal, bachelor of business administration (BBA), management information systems (magna cum laude)
Soomaya Mohamed, B.A., liberal studies
Muhsin Said, bachelor of business administration (BBA), accounting (cum laude)

Burbank

Lisa Bryjak, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Kenneth Andrew Byrne, B.S., elementary education/ history minor (summa cum laude)

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Craft show at Oak Lawn Pavilion

On October 21 and 22 at the Oak Lawn Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave is the Festival of Arts Craft Show. There are 150 exhibitors from 5 states, admission is $2 adults, and children under 12 are free.

The hours are 9am to 4pm on Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday.

The fair moved from Tinley Park for a larger show. There are door prizes every hour!

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America's Promise

Competition Spotlights Communities That Are Great Places to Grow Up

Alexandria, VA, September 13, 2006: Mayors from cities large and small today were challenged to take part in America's Promise – The Alliance for Youth's second annual competition that honors the 100 Best Communities for Young People in America.

The winners earn the right to brag that their communities ensure that their young citizens have the necessary resources they need to succeed. "Mayors who do not apply for this award are missing out on a chance to share recognition they deserve for making children a priority and learn about other best practices nationwide," said Providence, Rhode Island Mayor David N. Cicilline, whose city was named one of the 100 Best for 2005 and which served as host for a regional forum on youth development this past July.

"This competition gives me a national platform to share Providence's success story. No mayor should pass on this opportunity!" More than 1,000 communities took part in the inaugural 100 Best Communities contest launched in 2005 by America's Promise, its Founding Chairman Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret) and current chair Alma Powell.

The 100 Best Communities competition helps outstanding local programs get the attention they deserve and provides localities across the country with models to emulate. Capital One Financial Corporation is the presenting sponsor for the 100 Best Communities for Young People. "We want to recognize the energies, the best practices that work for children and youth across America," said General Powell. "This competition inspires communities to showcase how they help their young people succeed and share their successes with the nation.

The 100 Best contest shows we always have something to learn from our neighbors." Community leaders will have until November 3, 2006, to join together and apply for the honor through the America's Promise Web site at www.americaspromise.org/100Best.

Winners will be selected by a distinguished panel of civic, business and nonprofit leaders and announced in January. "We know Louisville is a great place for young people and families," said Mayor Jerry Abramson. "It's encouraging to know that other people are noticing the groundbreaking efforts taking place in our hometown.

This award is a testament to the fact that our community truly cares about having all of our children succeed, and I would encourage other cities to take advantage of this opportunity." In addition to the support of Capital One, members of the America's Promise Alliance have participated in the development of the 100 Best competition, including United Way of America, YMCA of America, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Forum for Youth Investment, Communities In Schools, Search Institute, the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National League of Cities, and many others.

About America's Promise-The Alliance for Youth: America's Promise is a broad-based alliance whose members work together to ensure the well-being of children and youth. Alliance partners focus attention and resources to help every child receive the Five Promises essential to success: caring adults who are actively involved in their lives; safe places in which to learn and grow; a healthy start toward adulthood; an effective education that builds marketable skills; and opportunities to help others.

Founded by retired General Colin L. Powell, following the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in 1997, the America's Promise Alliance includes nonprofit, corporate and community groups as well as individuals across the nation. Alma J. Powell currently serves as chair.

PLOWS Family Caregiver Training Class

PLOWS Council on Aging is offering training courses designed by the American Red Cross to educate family members caring for aged loved ones. The training is offered at Moraine Valley Community college at 9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills on Tuesday evening from 6-8pm in the Fogelson Theatre.

Training topics are Caring for a Loved One with Alzheimer's disease or Dementia on September 19 and caring for the caregiver on September 26.

Call the college at 708-974-2110 to register. Space is limited.

Lipinski seeks increased use of technology to secure our borders

At a hearing today of the U.S. House Science Committee, Congressman Dan Lipinski heard testimony from Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials and other security experts on technology options for improving the security of U.S. borders.

"Securing our borders is critical for national security. Technology is a vital component in our toolbox for protecting our borders, and we need to be doing more research, development, and deployment of technology for border security," stated Congressman Lipinski.

Currently, the DHS Border Patrol is charged with securing roughly 7,500 miles of U.S. border, much of it in remote and rugged terrain, with a limited number of border patrol agents on the ground. Current research is working to create a virtual fence using sensors and imaging techniques linked in an information network, which would provide the relatively small number of agents in the field with a tool to locate and track intruders. But systems and protective methods are not currently linked together. In fact, surveillance cameras currently cover only about 5% of the border and are not linked to the sensors, often resulting in inaccurate and inconclusive data.

"What I heard today is that securing our borders is possible," said Lipinski. "But I was also told that it is going to take a large and sustained investment to get the job done. We need to be committed to dedicating the resources to protect our borders and our citizens. That is a critical responsibility of our government."

Together we Cope

Field staff Renee Russo of Together We Cope organizes over 500lbs of food at a recent food drive organized by Conscience Alliance at the Dave Matthews concert held September 15, 2006 at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre'.

Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene "Gene" Moore

Recorder announces new procedure to prevent fraud

Cook County Recorder of Deeds, Eugene "Gene" Moore announces that his office will begin mailing postcard notices to homeowners the instant a Quit Claim Deed is filed on their property. The new procedure is an effort to prevent fraudulent property transactions. The postcard notification program began September 15, 2006.

The Quit Claim Deed is a document used by many homeowners to add their spouse to the title of their property. Seniors also used the Quit Claim Deed to add children to their title so the property is not lost in probate in the event of the senior's death. But lately, Quit Claim Deeds have become the document of choice for thieves and scam artists intent on taking property. "Unfortunately," according to Record Moore, "unsavory characters are using documents like Quit Claim Deeds to start a process of ripping off some of our most vulnerable citizens and homeowners. We will now mail a postcard to the resident as soon as a Quit Claim Deed is filed on that property," Recorder Moore says. "If the resident is unaware of the filing, we have a hotline number directly to my office (312-603-5053), where we can put people in touch with agencies that can help.

It is still a good idea, even if they are aware of the transaction, for the homeowners to check the transaction at the Recorder's website at www.ccrd.info and make sure the information his office has on your property is correct," Recorder Moore urges residents.

"My office will continue to be proactive against property fraud and we will continue to work with the State's Attorney, area police department, the Attorney General and other agencies to close the door thieves use to get access to your property."

Cancer benefit for Oak Lawn librarian Lisa

Lisa Pollard Bukowski, OLCHS class 1989, is a young mother of a five year old who is Stage III colorectal cancer. She has had major surgery, chemotheraphy and radiation and needs more surgery. She will not be able to return to work at the Oak Lawn Public Library. Cindy Kelly OLPL is a contact at 708-422-4990.

The fund and benefit have been established to aid in medical and living costs during her devastating illness.

The benefit will have a buffet-style dinner starting at 5:30pm, silent auction, door prizes and raffles, entertainment with Irish dancers, live music with Billy Lerthem and DJ and a cash bar all evening.

Donations can be sent to "A Life for Lisa Fund" at State Bank of Countryside, 6053 W 79th St, Burbank 60459. The Cancer Benefit is at Gaelic Park, 6119 W 147th St, Oak Forest on Sunday, October 29 from 5- 10pm. For advanced tickets visit the w www.lift4lisa@yahoo.com. Tickets are $25.

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Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

The Oak Lawn Senior Center has two- exercise programs helpful to improve agility, coordination and over all flexibility. It can increase energy and mobility for carrying out daily activities. A low impact aerobic class is every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am. ACE Certified Instructor/Trainer Chris Kerr is the instructor. The cost for the 10 week class is $16. The class includes cardiovascular, flexibility and strength components. Each senior works at his or her own rate.

On Friday mornings from 11-11:45am a mild exercise program takes place. It is a low intensity designed for physically inactive seniors who may be limited in mobility. Instructor is Nancy Burns. Cost of the 10-week session is $13.

Exercise can be fun too! Every Friday afternoon member assemble to stretch their muscles in a different way, line dancing. At noon beginners are welcome to learn dances like the Electric Slide, Boot Scoot Boogie and may more. For those who already have a few dances under their belt they may join the intermediate group at 1:00 p.m. There is a $1.00 chance for each session.

If you are interested in class, call the Center at 708-499-0240 or stop by at 5330 W 95th to view a class. Remember exercise builds endurance, posture and balance.The Blue Island

Dolan to address Golden Eagle Club

Judge Francis J. Dolan, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, which is the largest Judicial Court in the country, will address the Golden Eagle Club, Wednesday, September 27 at 10 am at Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Avenue, Worth. Stacy Korres, program coordinator announced that Judge Dolan, currently presiding over Civil Jury Trials in the lst. Municipal District of the Circuit Court of Cook County will discuss Civil Jury Trials.

In October of 1999 Dolan was appointed a Judge of the Circuit Court by the Illinois Supreme Court. In 2000 he was elected to that position for a 6 year term.

On becoming a lawyer Dolan served 6 years as an assistant Chicago Corporation Counsel. In 1978 he headed his own Chicago Law firm focusing on Business and Commercial Litigation for the next 18 years.

Judge Dolan was born in Chicago is married and has 3 children. He is a graduate of Benedictine University and DePaul University College of Law.

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Trinity Lutheran Church will hold their craft fair

Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt Ave. (2 blocks west of Cicero), Oak Lawn will host their 20th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, November 4 from 9 to 3 PM.

Spaces for crafters are available for $25.00. Along with professional crafters, the Craft Fair features a Christmas Room, paper products, White Elephant (new and newly new), candy and nuts, and an eatery for lunch.

Crafters who are interested in applying for a space should contact the church office at 708-422-0193 for an application.

Marimba concert scheduled St. Xavier University

Saint Xavier professor to perform

Erik Janners, Saint Xavier University's director of bands and professor of percussion, will perform a marimba music recital at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, in McGuire Hall, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

"I am excited to bring a wide variety of beautiful music for the marimba to the students and community of Saint Xavier University ," Janners said. "I hope to highlight the range, possibilities, beauty and versatility of this challenging mallet percussion instrument."

The feature piece of the evening will be Edouard Lalo's *Symphonie Espagnole*, a violin concerto that Janners adapted for the marimba. Also to be performed are the *Concertino for Marimba* by Alfred Reed and *Marimba Spiritual* by Minoru Miki. Janners will be accompanied by Daniel Surma, an adjunct professor of piano at Saint Xavier, and assisted by Joshua Manchester, adjunct instructor of percussion, and Justin Antos, a senior at Saint Xavier.

Janners earned his doctor in musical arts in wind conducting from the University of Alabama . He conducts the percussion ensemble and concert, jazz and marching bands at Saint Xavier and is active as an adjudicator and clinician in Chicago and internationally.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is $6 for adults and $5 for seniors and visiting students. Admission is free for all SXU students, faculty and staff with a valid University ID. For more information, please contact the Saint Xavier University music department at (773) 298-3421.

Blue Island sponsors expo

Blue Island Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a community wide expo on Saturday, September 30, 2006. The expo will take place at Eisenhower High School located at 12700 S. Sacramento from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free for the entire family to enjoy, children's activities, music, raffle and giveaways. Families are welcome to come out and enjoy food samples. The expo is also an opportunity to gather information about Blue Island businesses and social organizations. Kids will be able to play on an inflatable slide and "fun jump".

Tables are available for businesses or organizations interested in exhibiting at the expo for $130 for members and $225 for non chamber members. Electricity is also available for an additional fee.

Executive Director Ruth Sheahan is especially excited about this year's expo stating "The Community Expo grows larger every year, residents look forward to a fun, family day. Businesses will be giving out samples of their wares and information on services they provide."

For more information contact Ruth Sheahan, Executive Director at 708-388-1000 or visit BlueIslandChamber.org.

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LST the landing ship in World War II

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During World War II, the Evansville riverfront was transformed into a 45-acre shipyard to produce LSTs. At its peak, the Evansville Shipyard employed a workforce of over 19,000 and completed two of these massive ships per week, becoming the largest inland producer of LSTs in the nation. Although the Evansville Shipyard was originally contracted to produce 24 ships, 167 LSTs and 35 other vessels were built in Evansville. The last one was launched down the Ohio River to the Gulf of Mexico on December 12, 1945.

History of the LST 325
LST 325 was launched on October 27, 1942, from Philadelphia, Pa. The ship operated in the North Africa area and participated in the invasion at Sicily and Salerno, Italy. On June 6, 1944, LST 325 became part of the largest armada in history by participating in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach. The ship continued to run supply trips between England and France before returning to the United States in March 1945.

LST 325 was decommissioned in 1946 and sent to Greece on September 1, 1964, as part of the grant-in-aid program. The USS LST Memorial, Inc., a group of retired military men, acquired the LST 325 in 2000. They paid their way to Greece, made the necessary repairs to the ship and sailed it back to the United States, arriving in Mobile Harbor on January 10, 2001.

In 2003, the LST 325 made a sentimental journey up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers. The 10-day stop in Evansville allowed more than 35,000 people to take a tour. In June of 2005, she sailed up the east coast under her own power for a six-week tour in Virginia and Boston.

LST 325 is the last navigable LST in operation today. She has been fully restored and is in tip-top shape, according to her crew. On October 1, 2005, her new home address will be Evansville, Indiana. We couldn't be happier to call her our own.

Guided tours led by military veterans or trained volunteers, allow 30 minutes.

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Regarding handicapped accessibility, the dock and ramp are handicapped accessible allowing those in wheelchairs access to the main deck of the ship.

Contact the Evansville Convention & Visitors Bureau for information on tours and special events. Please call us at 1-800-433-3025. Or visit our Visitors Center at 401 SE Riverside Drive from 9am-5pm Monday through Saturday and noon-5pm on Sundays.

Visit the official website – www.LSTMemorial.org

This authentic WWII warship will celebrate its first anniversary as a resident of Evansville this fall. In that time, over 20,000 visitors have toured the ship that saw action in Normandy on D-day and in Sicily during the Italian landing. Veteran military and navy men conduct the tours, complete with personal stories of their experiences during WWII. This is a popular attraction for veteran and military groups but is also very appreciated as a cultural heritage experience for families with kids and grandkids. This truly is a one of a kind attraction in Indiana.

The ship is open for tours daily, except Mondays.

For more information, visit our website at www.visitevansville.com and click on the LST icon on the lower left side of the home page or their website at www.LSTmemorial.org Or call them at 812-435-8678.

Good Time Charlie's hosts Motorcycle Run for Park Lawn and Big Bikes Big Hearts

On Sunday, September 24, 2006, Good Time Charlie's in Manhattan will host the Big Bikes Big Hearts Fall Blast to benefit Park Lawn, a local non-profit organization that provides programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

Registration begins at 10:00 am with a breakfast buffet. Bikes depart at 12:00 noon for a scenic ride to Kankakee State Park and will return to Good Time Charlie's by 3:00 pm for food, live music by Wet Sunday, raffles and vendors.

Tickets are $15.00 per person and include the breakfast buffet, the run and cover charge for the band. Non-run participants are invited to the post run party for a $5.00 cover charge.

Good Time Charlie's is located at 330 W. North Street (7 miles south of I-80 on Briggs St) in Manhattan. Call Park Lawn at 708-425-6867 or visit www.parklawn.com <http://www.parklawn.com> for more information.

Your invitation for 4th annual open house

You are invited to President of the Illinois Senate, Emil Jones, Jr. and State Representative, Robert A. Rita's 4th annual open house.

The location is at the suburban legislative office, located at 13543 S. Cicero Ave., Crestwood, IL 60445 Saturday, September 23, 2006 at 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. Other dignitaries and elected officials will be present.

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Meet with the photographer beforehand to work out any details. Also make sure you like his or her personality and that you can work with them and discuss the type of photos you want taken and quantity of photos you want from the church, house and reception.

The biggest complaint about photographers is that they are "too pushy" on the wedding day. The bride and groom must enjoy themselves because it is their special day. Some said they could not enjoy themselves, because of the unnecessary pictures. To avoid this mistake, give a list of how many pictures you want taken and special effects if any.

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for September 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also available online, along with my "Numi" column. Go to TheDailyPsychic.Com & now my weekly Celebrity Profiles are back in JackiMari.Com [don't miss it!] Telafriend!

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Think about this: how much is your soul or friendship worth? You will be tested this week & next. B aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Money isn't the root of all evil. It's the people who have it or don't have it or covet it that makes this so. A aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is a strange week. You want to make amends but will they be accepted? M involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Read the above message & add this: a stranger speaks & it hits home with you. D aids.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Opportunity is really getting sore "knuckles" knocking on your door. Open it. Get back on track. M aids.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It is implied that those with "eyes to see & ears to hear" are few & far between. Don't get left out! S aids.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You should never put crutches under feet that can walk or do things for people that they are capable of doing. Bad Karma!

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: It's okay to voice your objections. You are no one's slave or should you allow yourself to be. V involved.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Someone D or M may try to persuade you to change your plans this week. It's your call.

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Sept 20th @ 7pm at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] it's "More About Choices...a serious business." Mini-sessions there Sept 25th, & at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Sept 18th @ 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend" I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tuesdays for all services [by appt]. I'm available for Interesting Speaking Engagements for your Club or Organization.

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
Me-Me-Me's

There are so many people who seem to think that they are the only ones on Earth who count for anything. Katie L. says, "Paris Hilton is an example of a Me-Me, & according to her publicist she never does anything wrong. It's always someone else's fault if she gets into trouble. The rest of us are expected to act responsibly & to think of others, forgive others, & do our best & let God do the rest. The Me-Me's of this world actually cause others to resent them & want them out of their lives. They do nothing or as little as they can & expect everything & as much as they can get!" Well said, Katie, well said. Pass this forward to the "affected ones."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Evergreen Park Public Library Fundraiser

Join the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation in raising funds for the library renovation. Patrick Elwood from Fox News is the Master of Ceremonies for the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation's silent auction fundraiser at Beverly Country Club, 8700 S Western on Saturday, October 14 from 7-11pm.

Entertainment will be provided by Dyed in the Wool Irish Folk Music Band, the Evergreen Park Community High School Band, and DJ Jim Burke. The cost is $75 per person and includes open bar and hors d'oevuvres.

Call the library for reservations at 708-422-8522 The foundation is also seeking monetary sponsorships and silent auction items to underwrite the event.

Grand raffle tickets for a 42- inch Panasonic flat TV, donated by Standard bank, are being sold at the library, 9400 S. Troy, for $5 each or 6 for $25. A limited raffle (100 tickets0 will be sold in the library at $100 each for a trip for two to Ireland, donated by First American Bank, Winning entries will be drawn on October 14, and winner need not be present.

Renovation plans include more computer space, an expanded children's area a new entrance way and other things. Nicki Seidl, director indicated some funding comes from the taxes paid by Wal Mart and their contributions.

Alexis Smith of Oak Lawn, at FBI Academy, Quantico VA.

Youth completes nine sessions at FBI Academy Youth Leadership

Alexis Smith of Oak Lawn completed the ninth session of the FBI National Academy Associates Youth Leadership Program (YLP) in July 2006. FBINAA, INC. the professional association of graduates of the FBI National Academy sponsors the YLP for state and local law enforcement officials, a non-government association.

YLP attendees range in age from 14-16 and must be nominated by a local chapter of FBINAA and have demonstrated leadership, excellent character, above average grades, submit an essay and pass an oral interview. This year 50 students from each domestic chapter and three international students attended.

Graduates of YLP have gone on to attend the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Naval Academy, the Us Air Force Academy, Universities such as Harvard and Yale and the US military services and law enforcement.

The curriculum includes goal setting, leadership qualities, religion, culture, integrity, accountability, law and its affects, interpersonal communication, physical training and various meetings.

OCS Evergreen Park Newsletter delivered

The annual community edition of the OCS Evergreen Park Newsletter has been delivered to residents 50+. It contains information on OCS department services. To receive a copy by First Class Mail, complete the 2007 subscription form included in the copy and return it with a $4 payment to OCS, 3450 W 97th St Evergreen Park 60805. This expires in December 2007.

If you want to pick up the paper in person, complete the form so sufficient copies of the newsletter are available. For more information call 708-422-8776.

Burbank Park District news

Baton Twirling participants will learn basic twirls, dance twirl movement and a routine to be showcased at the annual Winterfest. Classes begin Thursday, September 21 for age 3-6 at 6-7pm, 7:15-8:15 for age 7-12.

Price is $52 for residents and $65 nonresidents. Price does not include a baton. Baton twirling develops poise, grace, and builds self-confidence.

In a series of creative activities, children will 'gobble up science' as they gobble up nutritious foods and tasty snacks they make themselves. From working with solutions and reactions to fashioning crystals, children will come away with an understanding of basic science concepts. Class meets on Mondays from 4-5pm for ages 5-10. Price is $15 for residents and $19 for non- residents. Class begins September 25 and runs 4 weeks. For information call the Burbank Park district at 708-599-2070. Park District is located at 8050 South Newcastle in Burbank.

Oak Lawn Library news

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th St., will be open again on Sundays starting in September on the 17th. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 9pm , Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 1pm to5pm from mid September to mid-May. For information call 708-422-4990.

The Oak Lawn Library will host a free lecture on "Creating a Resume that Works for you" at 7pm on Tuesday, September 26. It is first-come and first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Certified Professional Resume Writer Georgiana Carollus will provide a foundation for creating resumes of power and impact. Learn about formats, distinguishing between responsibilities and accomplishments and creating summary statements that position you best for the job that you want. Carollus is a career- services professional with extensive experience in career assessment, development and advancement. She is experienced in all aspects of resume writing and effective work search techniques.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Fly the Flag Never Forget

kathywhlrlty@yahoo.com

by Kathy Whirity

For weeks we've been reminded to fly our flags in remembrance of 9/11. The stars and stripes, a symbol of our unity as we remember all that was lost on that fateful day 5 years ago.

Fly the flag in honor of all those innocent victims who lost their lives when our own air planes were used as missiles to destroy the Twin Towers, striking fear and uncertainty in all Americans.

Who could ever forget the vulnerable vision caught on tape of the Towers burning, and while people ran out of the buildings, to safety, it was the brave firemen and policemen who rushed into the chaos, toward certain death and destruction that was waiting for them.

Fly the flag for the unbelievable courage shown on that horrific day. America stood strong in the face of terror that caught us off guard, and changed our lives forever from that day forward.

It has been 5 years since we stood glued to our t.v. screens, crying tears of unimaginable disbelief at what was happening to our country.

5 years later we now know what's at stake - our freedom and our country's existence as we know it.

Fly the flag with pride for all that it stands for. Liberty does not come cheap. The steep price paid is witnessed in the fallen soldiers who paid with their lives so that we may continue to live in the land of the free.

These past 5 years we have watched, often times in frustration, as America has to not only defend itself from terrorists but also from some of our own news media who, more often than not, portrays our military and their endeavors in a negative light.

Fly the flag for the ideals of Americans who have no choice but to endure and win this fight. We've learned that it's not always in our best interest to be politically correct when our enemy is out to annihilate us.

We mourn all that was lost that September day, 5 years ago. But in the sorrow we also draw on the blessings that brought people together and gave us hope that America will not waver in her quest to win this war on terror. Out of the rubble that use to be The World Trade Center is a forever reminder that our beloved citizens didn't die in vain.

Fly the flag for the heroes of 9/11. With heavy hearts we remember their sacrifice. Almost immediately after the murderous terrorists attacks, American flags flew from everywhere, waving in the wind as far as the eye could see.

9/11 has changed us forever, but hopefully we will never let it change who we are. America must never forget the day we were brought to our knees - a day we learned what it truly meant to stand up and be united as one.

Keep those flags flying as proof of our patriotic pledge to never give up all that this great country stands for. It's a star spangled banner that still waves, through good times and troubled times; through peaceful times and times of war.

God Bless America and the flag that flies for freedom - our symbol of heart, soul and sincerity.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ~

All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of one small candle. (Author Unknown.)

Military News

Army Sgt. Don C. Purley has been mobilized and activated for a future deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy. Purley, an infantryman with 11 years of military service, is normally assigned to the 178th Infantry, Chicago, Ill. He is the nephew of Archie Alexander of W. 100th St., Palos Hills, Ill.

Letter to the Editor

I would like to respond to the recent political attacks in the newspapers on Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes. I have lived in the village of Oak Lawn for fourteen years, many of which were spent in Mr. Hurckes's 1st. District. From a resident's perspective, I have seen the village of Oak Lawn grow and prosper in business, services, fire and police protection, and education.

Our Oak Lawn Renaissance did not happen by accident. It came from dedication and hard work by Trustees like Jerry Hurckes. Jerry set aside special time to meet and talk with his constituents every month at the Johnson Center, home and board meeting room of Westside Baseball of Oak Lawn. There, I saw and heard, in person, Jerry Hurckes's passion to help the people of his district and village. I witnessed the countless offers of help and aid to his senior citizens in need, the after hours sifting through unresolved resident letters and notes, the desire to make Oak Lawn the best place to live, and best of all, in his words, the desire to, "Do things for our kids." Jerry was always there for Westside Baseball. He helped the kids by clearing the way for a badly needed equipment room, a field maintenance garage, and donating his precious time to coach for a number of teams.

In conclusion, I am very disappointed by these one-sided news columns that attack Jerry Hurckes's character, image, and values. It is easy to beat down on an incumbent political figure when a new regime gets voted in. The future looks bright for the future of Oak Lawn, thanks to the great job that Jerry has done and will continue to do for the people of our community.

John Kappel.

13 Yrs. Oak Lawn Westside Youth Baseball.

Ladies night out

You are cordially invited to join us for our Ladies' Day out. Bring your friends, mom, sister, neighbors, etc. This will be a fun-filled social event. All of your favorite direct-selling companies under one roof! Event will take place at Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church (93rd and Pulaski) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Currently we have Noah's Ark, Karavita, Avon, Pampered Chef, Stampin' up!, Body Shop, Mad about Beads, Purple Cottage Jewelry, Persephones Pleasures, Tastefully Simple, Big Yellow Box, and much more.

If you are interested in participating in any of these events or would like more information about the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, please contact Carla at 708-528-2515.

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Computer courses at St. Laurence High School

The St. Laurence High School (Burbank) Continuing Education Program is in its 23rd year of offering computer courses to adults and high school students. The latest classes begin in September, and run four or five weeks depending on the course.

"Microsoft Excel" begins September 26, Tuesday evening from 7-9pm and is for five weeks. "Windows XP/Operating Systems/ Internet" will also be Tuesday evenings beginning September 26 from 7-9pm for five weeks.

"Microsoft Power Point" runs on Thursday evening from 7-9pm beginning October 5 to October 26 in the school's Computer Instruction Center. "Web Page Creation" is Tuesday from 7-9pm beginning September 26 for five weeks at the school Reilly's Computer Center. "Microsoft Access" runs October 3 through October 24 on Tuesday evening from 7-9pm in the school's Computer Instruction Center.

St. Laurence High School's overall computer program and student lab assistance programs have been featured on WMAQ television for its mission and excellence. For information call 708-458-6900 ex 234.

Queen of Peace teacher comes home

When Mary Greco took a two-year sabbatical from teaching at Queen of Peace, she knew it wasn't good-bye. An educator for 22 years, a mother of 7, and a grandmother of 2, Christian Living teacher Mary Greco has returned to Peace this year for her ninth year. When asked how she felt about her return, Mary replied gleefully, "I love it. Peace is my home away from home. The students are the best. I truly believe that."

After 12 years of owning and operating a preschool, Mary decided to take up teaching full time. She received her Bachelors in Pastoral Ministry and English from St. Xavier University at the age of 40. She began at Peace in 1995, but her presence had been felt there long before.

Mary is not only a Peace teacher but also a 1972 graduate. She found that she was "so satisfied with the educational and spiritual growth" she felt as a student, Mary wanted her family to be able to experience the same personal growth. All three of Mary's daughters are also alumnae. Currently, one of Mary's nieces is a senior, while another gears up to enter as a frosh next year.

"Tradition and continuing the Peace mission means everything to me. In my experience, there is no better place for a young woman. I've seen the end results. Young women come out of here, go on to wonderful things, and become even more successful, caring, and socially conscious. They are Women of Peace."

On her return, Mary says that she looks most forward to teaching again and opening the students up to new worlds of thought. "Plain and simple, I love teaching. I get to talk with these young women about spiritual issues. Their insight is just profound." For Mary, "Peace is about the people: the students, the teachers, and those that work so hard for our students. On so many levels, it really means something to be a Woman of Peace."

Queen of Peace Teacher Mary Greco is all smiles on her return to Peace after 2 years.

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Saint Xavier University announces May 2006 May Graduates

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The following students graduated from Saint Xavier University in May 2006. To be eligible for University graduation honors, the student must have completed at least 50 graded semester hours at Saint Xavier University and earned a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 for cum laude, 3.7 for magna cum laude and 3.9 for summa cum laude. This is a partial list which includes only the suburbs of Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn.

Evergreen Park

Alan Armstrong, bachelor of business administration (BBA), management/marketing
Amy Patricia Baio, B.A., English language arts/secondary education, education minor (magna cum laude)
Nancy Lavery Billish, MBA, health administration
Colleen C. Brychel, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Megan Carlson, M.A., education/reading
Jennifer A. Carroll, M.A., education/reading
Lynn M. Collins, M.A., education/school counseling
Kelly Ann Cozzi, B.A., psychology/women & gender studies minor
Leah Curtis, MBA, financial planning
Sarah Lynn Czajka, B.A., communication sciences and disorders/psychology minor (magna cum laude)
Eric Steven Dykstra, B.A., social science/secondary education/education minor (summa cum laude)
Colleen Fitzgibbon, B.S., elementary education
Adam P. Galley, B.S., biology/pre-pharmacy, chemistry minor
Heather Lea Healy, B.A., visual arts/secondary education, education minor
Joseph Higgins, B.S., biology/chemistry (magna cum laude)
Erin R. Jacobsen, B.A., communication
Colleen K. Joyce, M.A., education/school counseling
Kelly Patricia Konecki, B.S., elementary education
Amelia Leubscher, B.A., art (magna cum laude)
Daniel George Luckhard, B.S., biology
Tamara L. Lumas, M.S., nursing (MSN)/family nurse practitioner
Stacey J. Maher, B.S., education/early childhood
Tammy Ann Matteson, B.A., psychology/clinical counseling
Matthew P. McDowell, B.A., history
Maureen Anne McNichols, B.A., music (magna cum laude)
Jennifer Lynn Nelson, B.A., communication sciences and disorders/psychology minor (summa cum laude)
Madelene Marie Odak, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration
Cassandra Outlaw, M.A., elementary education certificate
Scott E. Priestman, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration
Brian M. Quinn, MBA, management
Lisa Christine Rossi, bachelor of business administration (BBA), management
Sheri K. Szuta, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration (magna cum laude)
Sharon Watts, M.S., speech-language pathology
Rachel Stephanie Williams, B.A., social science/secondary education, education minor (summa cum laude)
Lawrence A. Wood, MBA, e-commerce
Rebecca Marie Zandy, M.A., education/teaching and leadersh

Hickory Hills

Rafah T. Hammad, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN)
Jennifer Koller, M.S., speech-language pathology
Laura L. Kurek, B.S., elementary education (magna cum laude)
Essie M. Porch, B.A., liberal studies
Melissa Ivette Cisneros Segovia, M.A., education/school counseling
Kathleen A. Steele, B.S., psychology/clinical counseling (magna cum laude)
Paulette Wells, bachelor of business administration (BBA), marketing
Joan Anne Zabelka, B.A., liberal studies (summa cum laude)
Patricia Chavez, B.A., art (summa cum laude)
Krzysztof Jacek Dlugopolski, B.A., political science
Melissa Nadine Fry, M.S., speech-language pathology
Ann Gasior, B.A., communication sciences and disorders/psychology minor (summa cum laude)
Dana L. Grube, M.A., education/community agency counseling
Sueha Kayyal, B.S., elementary education (cum laude)
Carrie Ann Mockovak, B.S., biology
Joe Moreno, B.A., industrial psychology/business minor
Kathy Panek, B.A., visual arts/secondary education, education minor (magna cum laude)

Oak Lawn

Sawsan Abubaker, bachelor of business administration (BBA), accounting (cum laude)
Amanda M. Berent, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration
Marisa Mae Beristain, B.S., biology
John D. Blazevic, bachelor of business administration (BBA), accounting (cum laude)
Linda M. Bonk, M.S., speech-language pathology
Carol Ann Byland, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Julia Ann Cissell, B.A., communication sciences and disorders (cum laude)
Christina Cucci, B.A., English/criminal justice minor
Jennifer M. Floyd, B.S., elementary education (cum laude)
Sandra B. Forlenza, M.A., education/reading
Joyce Jaennine Franzese, M.A., elementary education certificate
Kimberly M. Garner, B.S., elementary education (magna cum laude)
Kevin John Gilboy, B.A, art
Jada V. Gilleylen, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Kathleen Jean Hall, M.A., elementary education certificate
Jamie L. Joseph, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Julie Ann Kamper, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Nader Karadsheh, bachelor of business administration (BBA), finance
Edward Frank Kerfin, B.S., industrial psychology/business minor
Joseph Kirincich, Jr., MBA, financial analysis and investments
Linda Ann Klingensmith, M.S., speech-language pathology
Jimmy E. Krsanac, MBA, finance
Andrzej Kula, bachelor of business administration (BBA), accounting
Lisa Lara, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Lynn Leahy, M.S., speech-language pathology
Karalyn Manzke, M.A., secondary education
Sara A. May, B.A., math/secondary education/education minor (cum laude)
Joseph A. McCarthy, B.A., liberal studies
Troy Evan Mikuta, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration/biology minor (cum laude)
Anne Marie Mullane, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN)
Margaret O'Keeffe, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration (magna cum laude)
Peter J. O'Reilly, MBA, management
Elizabeth Anne Orzech, M.A., education/reading
Nicole Patterson, MBA, marketing/M.S., finance
Meghann E. Phelan, B.A., mathematics (magna cum laude)
Laura Marie Pletsch, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) (magna cum laude)
Barbara J. Reynolds, M.A., education/multicategorical special education
Mary E. Riley, B.S., elementary education
Kathleen T. Rodriguez, M.A., education/multicategorical special education
Brian Joseph Scapardine, B.A., communication/art and design minor (cum laude)
Tammy B. Tyeptanar, B.S., mathematics/secondary education/education minor (magna cum laude)
Brendan F. Vizza, bachelor of business administration (BBA), finance
Yvonne Wilamowski, M.A., elementary education cert.

Mount Assisi Academy's Varsity Softball Team Wins Sportsmanship Award

The South Suburbs Officials Association (SSOA) has honored Mount Assisi's Varsity Softball team with the 2006 SSOA Softball Sportsmanship Award.

This is the first year Mount Assisi has received this prestigious honor. Only fourteen area girls' softball teams from nine different high schools were selected for this annual nomination.

Brad Reynard, the Head Coach of Mount Assisi's Varsity Softball team for nine years, said he was surprised when he learned about MAA's selection. Reynard said that being placed in the company of other schools with solid sports programs is outstanding.

"To be honored is great recognition for the team and the school," Reynard said.

Sr. Mary Francis Werner, OSF, Principal of Mount Assisi Academy, stated that she is extremely proud of the softball team and coaches. She also said receiving this award is a "tremendous honor for the sports program."

"This award serves as good role modeling for our entire school community," Sr. Mary Francis said.

Members of the 2006 Varsity Softball team are seniors Emalee Kay, Brittany Hennigan, and Laura Oliver all from Chicago; juniors Jessica Kelly of Worth, and Nicole Altobelli, Katie Tully, and Mary Tully all from Chicago. Graduates who were also varsity team members include Jenny Cummings, Bianca Kuta, Trish Reed, Megan Stroh, Nicole Barth, and Mallory Price.

The Softball Sportsmanship Awards focus on high school teams from the south suburbs as well as the south side of Chicago, and recognize those schools that provide and promote a positive sporting experience for athletes, coaches, spectators, and officials. The SSOA has presented this award since 2003 and was developed as part of the Illinois High School Association's "Sport a Winning Attitude" program.

A comprehensive rating system is used by SSOA officials to select winners. Sportsmanship is evaluated in three key areas - players, coaches, and fans - from the spring 2006 softball season.

For more information about Mount Assisi Academy, please contact Stephanie Iannotta at (630) 257-7844.

Tinley Park Library news

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library invites the whole family to movie night on Friday, September 29 at 6:30pm. Tim Allen tries to live a normal life, despite the fact that he sometimes turns into a sheepdog. Snacks will be served.

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Library invites teens in grades 6-12 to test their 'metal' at the Battle of the Air Bands on Friday, October 6 from 7:30pm. Do you have the look of a rock star? Get together your band and practice playing your fake instruments along with your favorite song. Songs must be submitted for approval by September 29.

Please note: no actual singing or playing of instruments is involved. Participants will lip-synch and play air guitar to their favorite bands. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. A panel of celebrity librarians will select the winners based on originality, technical prowess and stage presence.

Register by a call to the Youth Services at 708-532-0160 ex 2. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

South Suburban College seeks employers for Fall Job Fair

The South Suburban College Career development and Jobs center is seeking employers to partake in the 2006 Fall Job Fair scheduled for Thursday, October 12 from 9am to 1pm at the SSC Fitness Center. This is an excellent opportunity for employers to recruit our upcoming graduates, current students, alumni and community residents for full-time, part-time, seasonal employment or internships.

There is a $60 fee for employer participation. Each registrant will have a table and two chairs for the representatives, a light lunch and refreshments. In addition SSC will provide a free job listing service via CCJobNet.com, a pass word-protected Internet database of position openings shared by a cluster of twelve community colleges. All job seekers are invited to attend free of charge. Reminder- bring your resumes!

For more information about the Fall Job Fair contact Jo Ann Morgan at 708-596-2000 ex 2391 or Linda Kopulos at ex 2309. Employers are encouraged to reserve space. Make checks payable to SSC Fall 06 Job Fair, 15800 S State St. South Holland Il.

Oak Lawn Community High School Homecoming Festivities

The Oak Lawn Community High School Student Council is currently making plans for the Homecoming celebration. The festivities are scheduled for Saturday, September 30, 2006.

The parade will be led off by the Johnson-Phelps VFW Color Guard, and will feature the Homecoming Court.

Again this year, there will be a Pancake Breakfast — all you can eat for $1 (beverages and extras available at an additional cost). Breakfast hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The semiformal Homecoming Dance will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium Gym. Tickets for students are available from Student Council members and are available at the door for alumni only.

On Tuesday, September 26, 2006, an all-school Pep Assembly will be one of the highlights of Homecoming "Spirit Week." The Homecoming King and Queen will also be announced at the assembly.

All OLCHS students, parents, and alumni are cordially invited to participate in the Homecoming activities.

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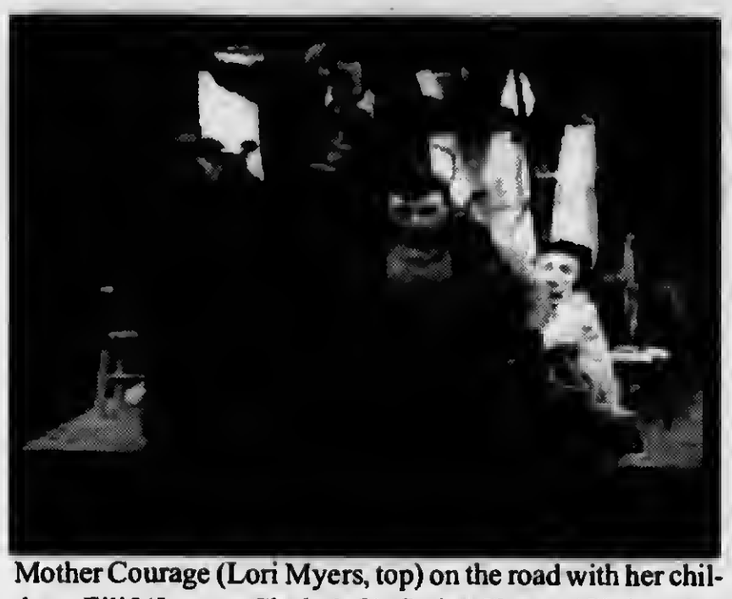
Free concerts at COC

The Civic Orchestra of Chicago, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training orchestra for young, pre-professional musicians, will perform two free concerts at Symphony Center on Monday, September 25 at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Conductor Myung-Whun Chung joins the Civic Orchestra for a program of music by Verdi and Brahms on September 25; and Civic Orchestra Principal Conductor Cliff Colnot leads the orchestra in works by Stravinsky and Beethoven on October 15.

Myung-Whun Chung, principal conductor of the Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra and music director of the Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France, leads the Civic Orchestra in Verdi's Overture to *La forza del destino* and Brahms' Symphony No. 4 on September 25. Mr. Chung has conducted virtually all the world's leading orchestras, including the Berlin and Vienna philharmonics, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Filarmonica della Scala, the Bayerische Rundfunk, the Dresden Staatskapelle, the Boston and Chicago symphony orchestras, the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic, and the Cleveland and Philadelphia orchestras. Born in Seoul, Korea, Mr. Chung began his illustrious career in 1971, making his debut with the Korean Symphony Orchestra. Carlo Maria Giulini appointed him assistant conductor at the Los Angeles Philharmonic in 1978 and two years later promoted him to associate conductor. In 1989, he became music director of the Opéra Bastille, a post he filled until 1994.

On Sunday, October 15, Civic Orchestra Principal Conductor Cliff Colnot leads the orchestra in Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements and Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. A distinguished conductor and a musician of uncommon range, Mr. Colnot has conducted the Civic Orchestra since 1994 and has been principal conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's contemporary MusicNOW series since its inception. Mr. Colnot also conducts Contempo at the University of Chicago, the International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE), the Callisto Ensemble, the DePaul University Symphony Orchestra, and orchestras at Indiana University, where he was in residence Fall 2005.



Mother Courage (Lori Myers, top) on the road with her children, Eilif (Jeremy Clark, left), Swiss Cheese (Christopher Hibbard, center) and Kattrin (Kelly Lynn Hogan, right). *Photo credit: Craig Choma*

Mother Courage is for any war

by Marijo Doody

Vitalist Theatre mounts Bertoit Brecht's epic anti-war and antiestablishment play now! How interesting, it is at this time of conflict in the world? His original protest was during the Third Reich with WW II and the Dadaist movement -the antiestablishment movement.

"Mother Courage and her Children" addresses relationships between capitalism, war and the destruction of her children. As we entered the Vitalist Theatre, you go through the Dadaist exhibit with assorted things and explanations.

In the theater as we sat down, actress, Kelly Lynn Hogan, who plays the mute daughter Kattrin, introduced herself. It was quite cool to observe her with movement and mime during the compelling production.

The set design, Craig Choma (designer), with the box effect placed musicians atop much like "Stomp."

In "Mother Courage" we see daily existence in the buying and selling in capitalism and chaos in war. That was the 30 year war in the 17th century, but it could be any one.

Anna Fierling (Mother Courage), Lori Meyers early on tells a young man going into battle he will die! Mother Courage is the ultimate survivor. She looses two sons, the thug, Eilef (Jeremy Clark) and the simpleton Swiss Cheese (Christopher Hibbard) in different scenarios. Katterin her much abused daughter will die as a martyr.

Courage's relationships with Peter the cook (Winston Evans) and Chaplain (Ron Barkhardar) flourish in attraction to the cook and a rejection to the Chaplain

War- time can be profitable and Courage just hauls her cart with stuff for the next battle. Lyrics to the song "The Story of Capitalization" remind us of rebellion and youth and they get over it. Speaking of music, composer, Gregor Mortis was charming and he and Kevin O'Donnell's original score is a sound all its own. One wanted to climb up and drum also!

Vitalist Theatre is noted for the boldness in combining music and movement and Director Elizabeth Carlin-Metz, a teacher at Knox College, has come every fall to foster this. Producer and Director the Metz's have used the vivid translation by British playwright David Hare in a splendid piece of work.

Lori Meyers is responsive as a younger Courage. She has the vocal assurance, stamina and charisma to drive the huge theatrical wagon. A Marvelous visual was watching Kelly Hogan mime the hooker with putting on the boots and hat!

Ann Sheridan Smith played many rolls of hooker to an officer's wife. What a great voice! Courage is full of satire and there were numerous snickers from the audience most times when war was mentioned.

When we met Kelly Hogan after at a reception, I inquired "was she a dancer?" She said "I favor movement combined with drama and that is why I have been a part of Vitalist for ten years." Next year she will teach at Knox College.

"Mother Courage and her Children" is playing until October 22, 2006 and is worth seeing! The production is at the Theatre Building 1225 W Belmont in Chicago. Tickets are $20. Call the box office at 773-327-5252.

OLPL has lectures

The Oak Lawn Public library, 5300 W 95th St, will host eight opera lectures scheduled for eight Sundays at 1:30pm September 2006 to February 2007.

Operas to be discussed in September and October are "Turandot" by Puccini on September 24 and "Iphigenie en Tauride" by Christopher Willibald on October 8 and "Salome" by Richard Strauss on October 22.

Madness returns to the Windy City

Performances begin Monday, September 18 at the Chicago Theatre Downstairs for the favorite who done it comedy, Mario Tricoci presents "Shear Madness" in the new 281 seat theatre in the lower level. Bruce Jordan who created the show with partner Marilyn Abrams, and starred in the original production directs the Chicago production. He has directed productions worldwide.

"Shear Madness" was a favorite of Chicago audiences throughout its 17-year run at the Blackstone Hotel. It was the longest running show at that time and when the hotel closed in 1999 the show lost a stage.

Larry Miller, principal of Theatre Dreams-the company that owns The Chicago Theatre says "we are pleased to be the producer and presenter of the long-awaited return of "Shear Madness".

"Shear Madness" opens with familiar actors including John McGivern and Christopher Tarjan who performed previously in Chicago. "Shear Madness" has been performed over 44,000 times worldwide and translated into ten languages.

Tickets are $42.50 and performances are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm, Saturday at 6 and 9pm and Sunday at 3 and 7pm. Sale of tickets is at the Box Office, 175 N. State, , Ticketmaster at 312-902-1500 or Ticketmaster centers. For group tickets of 15 or more call 312-462-6350.

Mario Tricoci Hair Salons and Day Spas will offer savings on Shear Madness tickets and special values on selected services including Madness Manicure valued at $35 for $20, any service purchased a 10% savings on tickets. For more information call 1-800-Tricoci.

Broadway in Chicago announces kick off of Altar Boyz

The hilarious cult phenomenon musical comedy Altar Boyz will kick off its national Tour with a -three -week gig at the La Salle Bank Theatre October 10-29, 2006. It is the only show on or off-Broadway to be nominated for all four Theater Awards: Outer Critics Circle, Drama Desk, Lucille Lortel and Drama League!

Altar Boyz is full of sharp parody, sinfully spectular dance and irreverent humor. The 90- minute musical is pure delight that's suitable for all ages and will have the whole family laughing and singing along. Many devoted fans of Altar Boyz known as Altarholics are from shows such as "Saturday Night Live", "Queer Eye", "Cheers", "As the World Turns" "Sweeney Todd", "Guiding Light", "Ragtime" and Wicked."

Altar Boyz music and lyrics are by Gary Adler and Michael Walker and Stafford Arima directs and Christopher Gattelli does choreography.

Productions are Tuesday-Sunday. Tickets range from $32-$55 and available at Broadway in Chicago Box offices (18 W Monroe, 24 W Randolph and 151 W Randolph), the BinC ticket line at 312-902-1400, all Ticketmaster centers and other locations. Groups of 20 or more can receive a discount by calling 312-977-1710.

Hubbard Street Dance executive director to retire

HSDC announced that Gail Kalver, Executive director for 23 years has decided to step down during the 2006-07 season. She indicated "since the first time I saw the company I loved it and am proud of what we've accomplished together. I am eternally grateful to the wonderful dancers, board and staff that I have had the honor to work with during these years. It has been a privilege for me and HSDC to have the support of so many wonderful funders, and fueled the company's growth for so long."

HSDC was founded by Lou Conte in 1977 and has been under the artistic direction of Jim Vincent since 2000. Vincent has established the company in Chicago and in the national and international dance world, with strong relationships and a track record with audiences, critics and presenters.

Gail Kalver will serve as an advisor to the Executive Committee of HSDC's board of directors, who will lead the search committee for her successor and there will be an orderly transition. Vincent said, "Gail has been at the core of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and has graced the organization with her generosity and clarity of leadership and we have worked side by side for six years and it has been my pleasure."

Since Gail Kalver joined the company it has been one of the most respected contemporary dance companies in the world performing to annual audiences in excess of 100,000 and growing. HSDC appears in the fall and spring in Chicago and tours extensively throughout the year.

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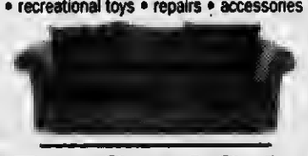

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Southland hotel occupancy up for six months

Hotel occupancy, roomrates and revenue per available room has improved consistently in Chicago Southland hotels since January 2006 according to an independent hotel research firm. Average occupancy January-July was around 59% and in the traditional travel months June and July rates were up to 70 and 73% respectively. Room rates are slightly over $78 per room.

President/CEO (Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau) Jim Garrett indicated figures are very encouraging for Southland hotel operators and our region and the visitors are spending money in our restaurants, filling the cars with gas and shopping in our retail stores and doing business in the area.

Hotel located along the region's major interstates give travelers convenient lodging near Chicago at reasonable prices and aggressive marketing by sales staffs brings more groups into the Southland, increasing occupancy. Every day event planners are selling groups on the Southland.

In 2005 alone, visitors to Southland hotels accounted for approximately $93 million in room sales.

Oak Lawn Community High Tri Class reunion

In September 1952, Oak Lawn Community High School opened its doors to the first freshmen, sophomore and junior classes while under construction.

Years have flown by and 2006 will celebrate 50 years for the first four- year class at OLCHS.

The anniversary will celebrate the tri-classes of 1954- 1955 and 1956 at the dinner dance at the Oak lawn Hilton on Friday, October 13, 2006 and further events at OLCHS on October 14.

Alumni are attending from all over the United States, including Hawaii.

If you are a member of those classes and need information, call Carol Buell Lanigan at 708-499-1277 or Reunion2006CL@aol.com.

Library host CSI Crime Scene Investigators

The Oak Lawn Police Department will hold a free presentation for teens 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Evidence technicians will demonstrate how they examine a crime scene, from lifting fingerprints to using special cameras.

No registration required. First come, first seated in the lower level meeting room. This program is intended for teens in grades six and up.

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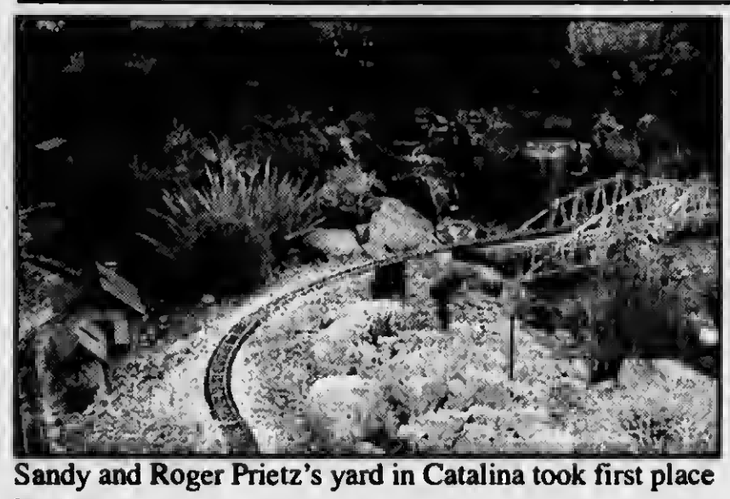
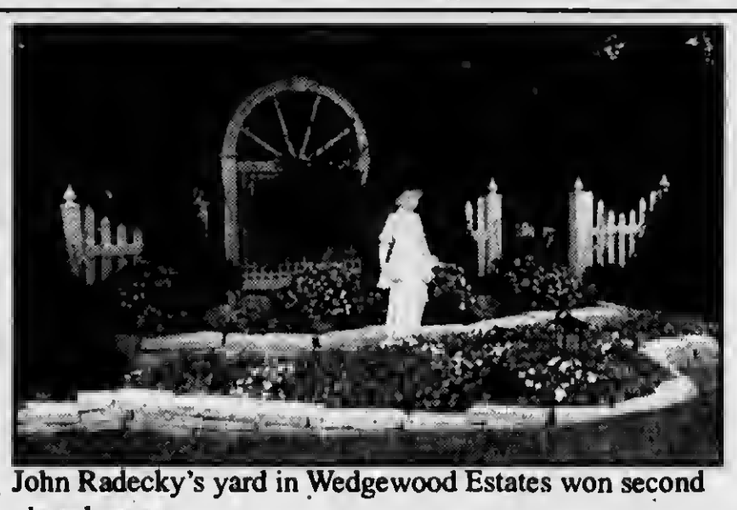


Sandy and Roger Prietz's yard in Catalina took first place honors.



John Radecky's yard in Wedgewood Estates won second place honors.

Phyllis and Michael Smith of Brook Hills took third place honors.

VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK 2006 GARDEN CONTEST WINNERS

The Village of Orland Park is pleased to announce the winners of the 8th Annual 2006 Garden Contest. Sixteen amateur gardeners submitted their properties for consideration in the contest.

The First Place Award will be presented to Sandy and Roger Prietz in the Catalina Subdivision whose beautifully landscaped yard featured a spectacular pond with a railroad traveling over and around it. Second Place will be presented to John Radecky in Wedgewood Estates III whose yard features a variety of colorful flowers in a perfectly manicured setting. Phyllis and Michael Smith of Brook Hills will receive the Third Place award for their creative use of potted flowers and plants on the pool deck and a colorful landscaped rear yard.

Also receiving awards in the 2006 Garden Contest are Susan and Dieter Fleischhauer for "Best Use of Landscaping on a Hill;" Lora Lee Gelles for "Best Use of Annuals and Perennials;" Dawn Korolenko for "Best Use of Landscaping in a Natural Setting;" Lilly and Don Idzik for "Best Overall Maintained Landscaping;" and Dave Heniff for "Best Water Feature."

The Garden Contest was initiated by Trustee Brad O'Halloran in 1999 to recognize Orland Park residents for their work in beautifying and maintaining their property. Trustee O'Halloran stated, "We've had the pleasure of seeing so many outstanding gardens in town since the contest began. We're proud to give these awards to such talented amateur gardeners and encourage more residents to enter the contest each year."

In judging the gardens, consideration was given to overall appearance and maintenance, use of color and texture, use of native plants, variety and combination of plants and flowers, suitability of plants and landscaping and special or unique features. Judges included Master Gardeners Judith Jacobs and Diana Husband, and Jim Melka of Jim Melka Landscaping and Garden Center.

Awards will be presented at the Village of Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2006.

Oak Forest to perform Metra parking lot survey

by Matt Mayer

The city council approved an engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman to perform a survey of the city owned Metra parking lot at 159th and Cicero Avenue at the Sept. 12, Oak Forest City Council meeting. The amount of the contract was not revealed. An ordinance for amendments pertaining to the subdivision code was also approved as well as a ordinance which allows for the city to participate in the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Joint Municipal Auction and Garage sale, to auction surplus city vehicles on Sept. 16. Additional information may be obtained by calling the city hall at 708-687-4050.

An ordinance of a sole source contract with Finkbinder Equipment Company for repair of the public works departments Grand All Machine engine was approved as well as an engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the 151st Street improvement project from Cicero to Central Avenues. An engineering agreement with Baxter and Woodman for the painting of the Kilbourn Avenue and Oak Park Avenue water towers was also approved.

Sept. 15 and 16 were proclaimed Poppy Days for the Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as a proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary of the Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, better known as (CEDA). A request to proclaim the week of Sept. 17 Constitution Week in recognition of the 219th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States was also approved. The next meeting is Sept. 26.

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Zabrocki Plaza development slated for 173rd & Oak Park

Village officials discussed the development of South Street at the Sept.5, Tinley Park Board of Trustees meeting. The development concept would consist of two buildings, which would include 70 condominiums, underground parking and some 36,000 square feet of first floor retail space. This is a joint venture between the developer Robert Hansen and Tinley Park architectural firm Arete 3 Ltd., which will submit preliminary, plans for the development.

Hanson also constructed Tinley Point at 183rd Street and Convention Center Drive, which is a smaller version of the proposed South Street project. This follows the controversial $100 million North Street development project that was approved at the Aug. 22, Board of Trustees meeting amidst opposition from residents located near the Metra Station. Their concerns were that the project would take away from the historic character of the area and will be too dense and increase traffic.

This development is slated for the area near 173rd Street and Oak Park Avenue and will include 115 condominiums, underground parking, 16,000 square feet of office space, approximately 43,000-squaqre feet of retail space, and a two-story 11-screen, 1,930-seat movie theatre. Construction also will include expansion of Zabrocki Plaza, doubling its size, and the construction of an underground parking garage under the new park.

Oak Forest interested in what residents think

The City of Oak Forest is interested in what residents and business owners think!

Following four months of planning and preparation, the City has mailed a community survey to all addresses in Oak Forest. The survey seeks to determine what the community feels about issues ranging from City services to quality of life. Once the surveys are returned, the responses will be provided to Northern Illinois University for data entry and analysis.

The survey was prepared by City staff and members of the Citizens Advisory Commission. According to Mayor JoAnn Kelly, "The City needs to actively encourage the community to tell us what they think. This is an opportunity for our residents and business owners to help shape the future of Oak Forest."

The eight page survey was mailed on September 20 and is requested to be returned no later than October 6. "We hope to have the survey analysis completed before Thanksgiving" said City Administrator Steve Jones. "Once the information is available, we will present it to the City Council and make it available on the web site for all to see."

The Mayor and City Administrator feel that the survey will help the City learn how to better serve the community, and provide information regarding the strengths and weaknesses of City services. According to Kelly, "We have over 28,000 customers who rely upon City services daily. I think we need to hear how we are doing?"

Jacki Mari

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for September 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also available online, along with my "Numi" column. Go to TheDailyPsychic.Com & now my weekly Celebrity Profiles are back in JackiMari.Com [don't miss it!] Telafriend!

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Think about this: how much is your soul or friendship worth? You will be tested this week & next. B aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Money isn't the root of all evil. It's the people who have it or don't have it or covet it that makes this so. A aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is a strange week. You want to make amends but will they be accepted? M involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Read the above message & add this: a stranger speaks & it hits home with you. D aids.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Opportunity is really getting sore "knuckles" knocking on your door. Open it. Get back on track. M aids.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It is implied that those with "eyes to see & ears to hear" are few & far between. Don't get left out! S aids.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You should never put crutches under feet that can walk or do things for people that they are capable of doing. Bad Karma!

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: It's okay to voice your objections. You are no one's slave or should you allow yourself to be. V involved.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Someone D or M may try to persuade you to change your plans this week. It's your call.

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Sept 20th @ 7pm at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] it's "More About Choices…a serious business." Mini-sessions there Sept 25th, & at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Sept 18th @ 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend" I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tuesdays for all services [by appt]. I'm available for Interesting Speaking Engagements for your Club or Organization.

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Me-Me-Me's

There are so many people who seem to think that they are the only ones on Earth who count for anything. Katie L. says, "Paris Hilton is an example of a Me-Me, & according to her publicist she never does anything wrong. It's always someone else's fault if she gets into trouble. The rest of us are expected to act responsibly & to think of others, forgive others, & do our best & let God do the rest. The Me-Me's of this world actually cause others to resent them & want them out of their lives. They do nothing or as little as they can & expect everything & as much as they can get!" Well said, Katie, well said. Pass this forward to the "affected ones."

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Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library

Teens are invited to experience an afternoon of fun at "Super Saturday" starting at 1:30pm on Saturday, September 23. The program is pizza and a movie "Hoot" about a young man who moves from Montana to Florida with his family, where he is compelled to protect endangered owls.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library invites teens to start the school year with Research at the library on Tuesday, September 26 from 7-8:30pm. Students in grades 6-8 will learn how to use the library's resources for their homework assignments look at the online databases and learn how to use them at home.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library will host "Whodoneit Mystery Theater: The Simpsons" on Monday, September 25 from 7-8:15. Children ages 8-11 can solve the mystery of who-killed Sideshow Bob. For more information on the programs call the library at 708-532-0160 ex 5732. The Youth Services at the Tinley Park Public Library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

Blue Island Library welcomes the Kennedy's

On Thursday, September 21st at 7:30pm, 'The President and Mrs. Kennedy' will visit the Blue Island Public Library in the persons of William and Sue Wells, a husband and wife acting team that is now touring the country, with a show titled "The Presidents and Their First Ladies, Dramatically Speaking".

The performances explore the public and private relationships of 31 of our 'First Couples'. The Wells average 300 performances annually and have appeared seven times at various Presidential Libraries and twice on C-Span TV's "American Presidents" series.

When they visit the BIPL, their audience will meet the Kennedys, and come to know them as more than names in a history book. The event is present free of charge but tickets are required. Obtain tickets at the Main Desk in the Library. The BIPL is located 2433 York, has ample parking and is handicapped accessible. Call Dan at 708-388-1078 ex 30 with questions.

Arts Alive in Tinley Park

The Tinley Park-Park District's Arts Alive program is kicking off the fall season with numerous opportunities for residents to participate in the fine arts. Residents from Tinley Park and surrounding communities may participate in the Community Band, Community Chorale, Youth Singers, Writers and Poets Group, Jazz Band or Tinley Park Community Theater.

In addition, various classes are offered at the Vogt Visual Arts Center in drawing, oil painting, illustration, stained glass and many more. The arts are alive in Tinley Park! For additional information, please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

Author at Tinley Park Library

Joe Mattera, author and financial columnist for "The Daily Southtown" will be at the Tinley Park Public Library on Monday, September 25 at 7pm to discuss the road to financial success. Mattera, will discuss modern financial issues, including high gas prices and energy bills.

For information call the library at 708-532-0160 ex 3. The library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

Commissioner Cynthia Santos (right) and Director of Research & Development Lou Kollias with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District present a Certificate of Participation in the Silver Best Management Practice Program (BMP) to Jennifer Campeotto of Walgreens in recognition of the proactive efforts to help the water environment.

Water Reclamation makes announcement

Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, has announced that Director of Research and Development, Lou Kollias and Commissioner Cynthia Santos has presented a Certificate of Participation in the Silver Best Management Practice Program (BMP) to Jennifer Campeotto of Walgreens in recognition of the efforts of 11 stores to improve silver disposal methods in its photo processing procedures.

Moraine Valley's Fine & Performing Arts Center announces its September-October calendar

September 18-October 13

Kariann Fuqua

Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery

Viewings are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and during theater performances

Free admission

Fuqua's work is an investigative study in ideas of place and location and how humans interact with a specific locale.

Saturday, October 7, 7:30 p.m.

Jim Peterik's "Pride of Lions"

Dorothy Menker Theater

Tickets: $25 adults; $20 seniors and students

Pride of Lions performs its first U.S. concert at Moraine Valley. Spearheaded by Jim Peterik, cofounder of Ides of March and Survivor, this band encompasses the best elements of the great 80s rock songs.

Sunday, October 8, 3 p.m.

Moraine Chorale and Chamber Singers-*Spirited Spirituals and Fabulous Folk Songs*

Dorothy Menker Theater

Tickets: $12 adults; $10 seniors and students

The Moraine Chorale and Chamber Singers will spirit you into fall with their renditions of *This Little Light of Mine, Little Brown Jug, Michael Row That Gospel Boat*, and *Take Me to the Water.*

October 26-28, 7:30 p.m. & October 29, 3 p.m.

Little Shop of Horrors

Dorothy Menker Theater

Tickets: $12 adults; $10 seniors and students

The Moraine Valley Academic Theater Department presents this long-running off-Broadway musical that follows Audrey II, an ill-tempered alien plant poised for global domination, and features the songs *Somewhere That's Green, Feed Me*, and *Suddenly Seymour*.

For tickets or more information, call the Box Office at (708) 974-5500, or visit *morainevalley.edu <http://www.morainevalley.edu>/fpac.*

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at *crotty@morainevalley.edu.*

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Palos Township Assessor extends hours for appeals

For the citizens of Palos Township, the Assessor, Robert E. Maloney, has announced that office hours have been expanded to accommodate those property owners who need help in their property assessments. Filing with the help of the township is free. They also can file through their private attorneys.

Regular hours are 8:30am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. Help is also available by appointment. The office is located at 10802 S. Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

This past year over 2700 appeals were filed at the Township office as well as the Bridgeview Courthouse and the downtown office of the County Assessor's office. Providing outreach programs shows that they have been utilized and there is positive response from the taxpayers.

In today's challenging fast-paced environment, we are committed to working together to provide quality service to our citizens. For further information or to make an appointment, call the Township Assessor's office at 708-598-4418.

Story Time Chicago Ridge Library

The Chicago Ridge Public Library registration is in progress for Story Time. Toddler Time for two-year olds and parent are Tuesday, beginning September 26 at 9:30-10am- running through November 14, 2006.

Story Time for tots 3-5 begin Wednesday evening, October 11 through November 1'5 from 6:30-7:15pm. Kindergartners are welcome. Story Time for these children is repeated Thursday mornings 9:30-10:15 and 10:30-11:15am and afternoon 1:30-2:15pm and begin October 12 through November 16, 2006.

Story Time for 1-3rd graders will be on Thursday at 3:30-4:30pm beginning October 12 and continue through November 16.

Book Discussion is offered by the Chicago Ridge Library for children grades 4-8 and meet on the second and last Thursday of each month beginning October 12th from 6:30-7:30pm. Young Reader Award books will be read.

Story Time is a great way to give your child enrichment and opportunities. Call the library at 708-423-7753 for more information on Story Times.

Worth approves golf course expenditures

by Matt Mayer

The board approved capitol improvement expenditure at the Sept 5, Worth Board of Trustees meeting which entails the borrowing of $36,000 for a number of landscaping and maintenance projects at the Waters Edge Golf Course at 115th and Harlem Avenue.

Other highlights: The board accepted with regret the resignation of Hank Benck from the Senior Citizen Commission and approved the appointment of Rose Sorci to the commission.

A resolution for the improvement by municipality under the Illinois Highway code for sidewalk construction on Harlem Avenue from 115th Street to the Cal Sag Bridge for $30,000 from the Motor fuel tax funds was approved as well as a request from the Worth Lions Club to conduct tag days on Oct. 13 and 14.

A request from Misericordia to conduct tag days on April 27 and 28, and a request from Colleen Martin to hold a walk- a-thon as a fundraiser on the walking path on Sept 24, were also approved.

Front Row: John L. Buckley, Jr., Larry Crites, Ralph Bugilio, John Swan, Bob Maton, Peter Buck; Back Row, left to right John Nasakaitis, Bruce Greinke, Mike O'Shaughnessy, Dan Teoro. Also present but not in the picture were Terry Ryan, Alexander Pechar, Ed "Butch" Compton, Paul Marieta, and Jean Marietta. The September 11 memorial service and observance of POW/MIA's was held at the McDonald Linn VFW Post #177.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW Post 177 Men's Auxiliary will be holding an Octoberfest on Saturday, September 23, 2006 from noon to 5pm at 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave in Chicago Ridge. The Post will be holding two "Wendy's Nite" on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 and Wednesday, October 18, 2006 at the 79th Street and Harlem location from 5-8pm. Please bring the family for dinner and support a Post Fundraiser. Call Pat at 708-636-3220 for more information.

McDonald-Linn will be holding "A Craft Fair" on Saturday, October 28, 2006. There is a call for all available crafters! The Fair is from 8am to 2pm with a cost of $10 per 8 - foot table. Anyone who wants to reserve a table or has any questions please call Pat at the above number or Thomas Lysik at 708-424-4910.

Moraine Valley to host Technology Symposium

Help! My Blackberry has a Bluetooth! With technology changing faster than you can say "Microsoft," it's critical for business owners to be knowledgeable about new products on the market that can keep them on the cutting edge. Moraine Valley's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) and Best Buy for Business are sponsoring a technology symposium, "It's a Wireless World," on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Moraine Room 3 in Building C on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. The cost is $20 and includes a continental breakfast.

Participants will learn about Bluetooth technology, Blackberry, WiFi, laptop computers, wireless accessories, connectivity, and more. Best Buy for Business will raffle off a wireless technology item.

The deadline to register is Friday, Oct. 20. To register, call Eda Schrimple, EDCSS coordinator, at (708) 974-5714, or e-mail her at schrimplee@morainevalley.edu mailto:schrimplee@morainevalley.edu

Roche fails to appear before Chicago Ridge Board

byMatt Mayer

Neither Michael Roche or his attorney Tom Lynch or Lynch's associate Robert Mancher, appeared before the board at the Sept. 5, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Roche who owns the property located at 10008 S. Anderson Avenue, in the industrial park, was to appear back in regards to a continuous major issue of junk on the property, Police Chief Tim Baldermann has consistently said that Martin's Auto Repair, which is located on Roche's property, buys junk cars and picks these cars for parts, creating piles of junk.

Village officials instructed Roche that Martin's was going to have to clear out the junk to make room for a 20-foot fire lane in the back of the property. Lynch had told the board that the junk would be removed and a paved fire lane would be completed sometime in mid-September. Roche has been cited with numerous violations over the years; he has been at this location for nearly nine years and still doesn't have a business license for renting property.

The property must be brought up to village code before Roche is able to apply for one. The board approved mailing a letter to Roche's attorney Tom Lynch stating that the junk needs to be removed from the property so as a fire lane may be designated and paved in the back of the property. If Roche doesn't comply by Sept. 19 village board meeting, the village will then shut down the operation of the property.

Other highlights: A police department request to hire two part-time officers for the desk and bookings was approved. The board approved a business license request for 2nd Wind Exercise Equipment upon approval of all inspections. A solicitation request from Misericordia to solicit in the village April 27 and 28, 2007 was approved.

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for September 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (NumAstrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also available online, along with my "Numi" column. Go to TheDailyPsychic.Com & now my weekly Celebrity Profiles are back in JackiMari.Com [don't miss it!] Telafriend!

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Think about this: how much is your soul or friendship worth? You will be tested this week & next. B aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Money isn't the root of all evil. It's the people who have it or don't have it or covet it that makes this so. A aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is a strange week. You want to make amends but will they be accepted? M involved.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Read the above message & add this: a stranger speaks & it hits home with you. D aids.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Opportunity is really getting sore "knuckles" knocking on your door. Open it. Get back on track. M aids.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: It is implied that those with "eyes to see & ears to hear" are few & far between. Don't get left out! S aids.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You should never put crutches under feet that can walk or do things for people that they are capable of doing. Bad Karma!

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: It's okay to voice your objections. You are no one's slave or should you allow yourself to be. V involved.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Someone D or M may try to persuade you to change your plans this week. It's your call.

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Sept 20th @ 7pm at Phyllis' Coffee House [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] it's "More About Choices…a serious business." Mini-sessions there Sept 25th, & at Oak Forest Bowl [152nd & S. Cicero] Sept 18th @ 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. "Telafriend" I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tuesdays for all services [by appt]. I'm available for Interesting Speaking Engagements for your Club or Organization.

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Me-Me-Me's

There are so many people who seem to think that they are the only ones on Earth who count for anything. Katie L. says, "Paris Hilton is an example of a Me-Me, & according to her publicist she never does anything wrong. It's always someone else's fault if she gets into trouble. The rest of us are expected to act responsibly & to think of others, forgive others, & do our best & let God do the rest. The Me-Me's of this world actually cause others to resent them & want them out of their lives. They do nothing or as little as they can & expect everything & as much as they can get!" Well said. Katie, well said. Pass this forward to the "affected ones."

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Evergreen Park Public Library Fundraiser

Join the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation in raising funds for the library renovation. Patrick Elwood from Fox News is the Master of Ceremonies for the Evergreen Park Public Library Foundation's silent auction fundraiser at Beverly Country Club, 8700 S Western on Saturday, October 14 from 7-11pm.

Entertainment will be provided by Dyed in the Wool Irish Folk Music Band, the Evergreen Park Community High School Band, and DJ Jim Burke. The cost is $75 per person and includes open bar and hors d'oevuvres.

Call the library for reservations at 708-422-8522 The foundation is also seeking monetary sponsorships and silent auction items to underwrite the event.

Grand raffle tickets for a 42- inch Panasonic flat TV, donated by Standard bank, are being sold at the library, 9400 S. Troy, for $5 each or 6 for $25. A limited raffle (100 tickets0 will be sold in the library at $100 each for a trip for two to Ireland, donated by First American Bank, Winning entries will be drawn on October 14, and winner need not be present.

Renovation plans include more computer space, an expanded children's area a new entrance way and other things. Nicki Seidl, director indicated some funding comes from the taxes paid by Wal Mart and their contributions.

OCS Evergreen Park Newsletter delivered

The annual community edition of the OCS Evergreen Park Newsletter has been delivered to residents 50+. It contains information on OCS department services. To receive a copy by First Class Mail, complete the 2007 subscription form included in the copy and return it with a $4 payment to OCS, 3450 W 97th St Evergreen Park 60805. This expires in December 2007.

If you want to pick up the paper in person, complete the form so sufficient copies of the newsletter are available. For more information call 708-422-8776.

Alexis Smith of Oak Lawn, at FBI Academy, Quantico VA.

Youth completes nine sessions at FBI Academy Youth Leadership

Alexis Smith of Oak Lawn completed the ninth session of the FBI National Academy Associates Youth Leadership Program (YLP) in July 2006. FBINAA, INC. the professional association of graduates of the FBI National Academy sponsors the YLP for state and local law enforcement officials, a non-government association.

YLP attendees range in age from 14-16 and must be nominated by a local chapter of FBINAA and have demonstrated leadership, excellent character, above average grades, submit an essay and pass an oral interview. This year 50 students from each domestic chapter and three international students attended.

Graduates of YLP have gone on to attend the US Military Academy at West Point, the US Naval Academy, the Us Air Force Academy, Universities such as Harvard and Yale and the US military services and law enforcement.

The curriculum includes goal setting, leadership qualities, religion, culture, integrity, accountability, law and its affects, interpersonal communication, physical training and various meetings.

Burbank Park District news

Baton Twirling participants will learn basic twirls, dance twirl movement and a routine to be showcased at the annual Winterfest. Classes begin Thursday, September 21 for age 3-6 at 6-7pm, 7:15-8:15 for age 7-12.

Price is $52 for residents and $65 nonresidents. Price does not include a baton. Baton twirling develops poise, grace, and builds self-confidence.

In a series of creative activities, children will 'gobble up science' as they gobble up nutritious foods and tasty snacks they make themselves. From working with solutions and reactions to fashioning crystals, children will come away with an understanding of basic science concepts. Class meets on Mondays from 4-5pm for ages 5-10. Price is $15 for residents and $19 for non- residents. Class begins September 25 and runs 4 weeks. For information call the Burbank Park district at 708-599-2070. Park District is located at 8050 South Newcastle in Burbank.

Oak Lawn Library news

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th St., will be open again on Sundays starting in September on the 17th. Library hours are Monday-Thursday 9am to 9pm , Friday and Saturday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 1pm to5pm from mid September to mid-May. For information call 708-422-4990.

The Oak Lawn Library will host a free lecture on "Creating a Resume that Works for you" at 7pm on Tuesday, September 26. It is first-come and first-seated in the library's lower level meeting room.

Certified Professional Resume Writer Georgiana Carollus will provide a foundation for creating resumes of power and impact. Learn about formats, distinguishing between responsibilities and accomplishments and creating summary statements that position you best for the job that you want. Carollus is a career- services professional with extensive experience in career assessment, development and advancement. She is experienced in all aspects of resume writing and effective work search techniques.

A complete schedule of adult programs may be viewed at the library's web site www.oaklawnlibrary.org.

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Oak Lawn approves 95th Street retail development

by Matt Mayer

The Sept. 26, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting commenced with Police Sergeant Arthur Clark and Sergeant Melvin Clark receiving the oath of office as Lieutenant and Joseph Garrett and Glenn Brothen receiving the oath of office as Police Sergeant. Steven Harrison also received the oath of office as Patrol Officer.

The board concurred with the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved a request for variations from landscaping and setback requirements at 5020 W. 95th Street, the former Max Matson Mitsubishi dealer.

The triangle lot is north of 95th Street adjacent to the Metra railroad tracks and is part of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district.

National 95th Street Associates LLC Developer Harry Major purchased the property in 2002 for $675,000. However after Major purchased the property, the village strived to acquire the property through eminent domain for additional commuter parking.

After the development of the Metra parking garage Mayor Dave Heilmann agreed to drop the lawsuit in February.

A development agreement was then worked out between the village and National 95th Street Associates LLC that involves a land swap in which the village keeps the triangle portion where the World War 11 tank resides.

Major, along with acquiring the store property, will also acquire a portion of Sproat Avenue, which passes through the property. Major isn't interested in the in TIF incentives, therefore the property shall return to the tax roles.

Improvements are slated to include substantial demolition and renovations of the existing building as well as a 50 by 50 foot addition 1,607 square feet of interior parking lot landscaping. Major said if construction remains on schedule, a David Bridal shop is slated to occupy the 10,000 square feet of retail space by fall of 2007.

The village leaf bag sale began on Oct. 2. The bags may be purchased at the municipal building Monday through Friday from 8:30a.m. to 5 p.m. until Nov. 22 at a cost of $7.50 for 20 bags. The yard waste bags will be pick up beginning Oct. 16 and conclude on Nov. 25.

The village hall will be closed on Oct. 9 in observation of Columbus Day. Oct. 10 is the last day to register to vote in the Nov 7, election.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is hosting a household hazardous waste disposal day on Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will be held at the Midlothian METRA Train Station's south parking lot at 147th Place and Waverly Avenue.

Additional information may be obtaind by contacting the MWRD at 312.751.6633.

The week of October 1 was proclaimed International Hispanic/Latino Mental Health week and the month of October was proclaimed Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The next meeting is Oct 19.

St. Francis Hospital in Blue Island welcomes new directors of Radiology, Pharmacy

Blue Island, IL – St. Francis Hospital & Health Center in Blue Island welcomes the following new employees to its staff:

Jerry Jeffries, of Romeoville, has been named director of Radiology and Rehab Services. Jeffries has 31 years of experience in radiology services.

He has a bachelor of science degree in radiologic technology from DePaul University, and a certificate in radiologic technology from Grant Hospital in Chicago.

Prior to St. Francis Hospital, Jeffries worked at numerous health care facilities across the country in an interim director capacity. Most recently, he was a consultant for B.E. Smith & Associates in Kansas. His experience includes various radiology management positions at Citrus Memorial Hospital in Florida, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago and St. Mary of Nazareth Hospital in Chicago.

Rhonda Yates, of Crete, has been named director of Pharmacy. Her background includes 16 years experience in pharmacy.

Yates has a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Butler University in Indianapolis, and a masters degree in business administration from Regis University in Denver, Colo. She is a member of the American Society of Health Care Pharmacists, the National MBA Association and a volunteer for the American Heart Association. She is a licensed pharmacist in both Illinois and Indiana.

Prior to St. Francis, Yates was pharmacy director at Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee. She was also an assistant pharmacy director at St. Margaret Mercy Hospital in Hammond, Ind.

Chicago Genealogical Society to meet

The Chieago Genealogical Society will meet on Saturday, November 4th 2006 at Newberry Library at 1:30pm.

There will be a presentation by Grace Horner, Past President Chicago Genealogical Society, entitled "Getting Ready for Library Research." See the web at www.http://chgors.org.

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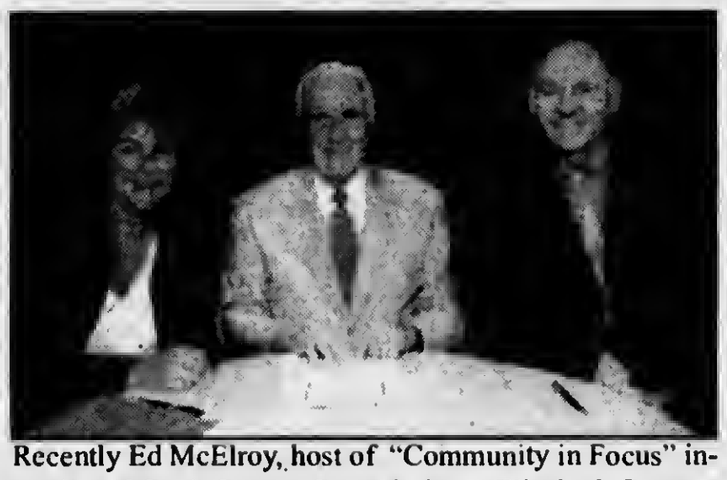

Recently Ed McElroy, host of "Community in Focus" interviewed Cook County Commissioner Elizabeth Gorman and Judge David R. Donnersberger.

McElroy hosts community focus

Ed McElroy, a resident of Oak Lawn, had numerous guest focusing on community interests such as Maureen Murphy elected official of the Cook County Tax Board. Congressman Daniel Lipinski 3rd District, Senator Edward Malone, 18th District and Rep. James Brosnahan, 36th District

Burbank Park District news

Kids Crazy Art Concoctions: Are you a kid that loves to mix, mask and mold? Do you like to get your feet in mud, paint with eggs and squish bubbles? This six- week class is for a good time. It begins October 6th and children ages 5-10 meet on Fridays from 4:45-5:30pm at Stevenson Park. The fee is $25 for residents and $37 nonresidents.

Mom and Dad's Night Out: Make your reservation! There are structured activities, games, movies, snacks and pizza. This is Friday, October 6th from 6:30pm-12am. The fee is $14 for the 1st child and $10 for each additional child. The child must be potty trained.

Disney Dance: Pooh, Pocahontas and Mickey Mouse will be at our 9th Annual Disney Dance on Friday, October 13th from 6-7:30pm There is a professional DJ for the hottest Disney songs. The fee is $10 for the 1st child, $5 additional child and $5 adult.

Spicy Salsa and Latin Dance: A four week class beginning Friday, October 6th at 7-8pm runs to October 27th to learn the basics on how to lead and follow and how to do turns and other fancy moves in salsa, Cha Cha, Samba, Rhumba and Merengue. Fee is $34 residents and $51 nonresident.

Swing Dancing: It is the hottest new trend in the Chicagoland area! Four easy lessons will have you strutting your stuff at dance clubs and parties! Swing, Lindy, Hop, Kick Swing, Charleston line dance and combinations are some of the moves that may be taught. The four- week class begins Friday, October 6th at 8-9pm runs to October 27th . Fee is $34 residents and $51 non-resident

For more information or to register call the Burbank Park District at 708-599-2070. The Burbank Park District is located in Burbank at 8050 South Newcastle Avenue.

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Children need a place to go for Halloween

Parents, if you are interested in having your children enjoy a Halloween Hike on Saturday, October 28th, the half mile walk will start at the museum at 9600 East Shore Drive in Oak Lawn and end at the museum's new locations at 5100 Museum Drive. The walk kicks off at 10:00 a.m. with a warm up routine by Bally's Total Fitness. Bob Kuenster is the official Grand Marshal for the event. Parents and children are encouraged to come in costume and there will be games and activities outside the new museum after the walk.

The museum is asking that all walkers come by the museum this week to pick up a sponsorship form or download one from its website at www.cmoaklawn.org. For every $100 a person raises, he or she will receive a museum t-shirt.

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Doodlings

by Marijo Doody

The five- year anniversary of 9-11 has come and gone and we all were reminded of that horrible time in history when our country was attach at the World Trade Center. For my recollection, that was my last week of working as a chemist before retirement.

I still remember the comments of the women who had grandchildren, whose little people wanted to know if their classmates would be sent away because they were the eastern faith. The children heard stories-at- home that is what happened to Japanese in WW II. We all must learn tolerance and compassion for all peoples.

At US Cellular Field prior to the 9-11 anniversary at a Saturday night game, there were lots of fireworks for the Sox's players who hit home runs. However, when the Jumbo-Screen showed the members of US Navy personnel in the 500-level there were resounding cheers every time the men and women were shown. Hooray for the CWS, who invited the service personnel from Great Lakes as guests on their tribute to the Navy! This was the second time I have been present in the White Sox parks as they honored the US Navy. As Americans we must keep our service men and women in our thoughts and prayers for safety.

My nephew, Matt Duffy, is career Navy. Five years ago he was in the first Navy helicopter that flu over ground zero to evaluate for survivors. He was on the carrier USS Kennedy at the time and that ship was to be a hospital source. Alas there were no survivors. .

Matt's career and life has led him to a Distinguished Service Medal Award from the President. A masters program at Navel War college, teaching at Top Gun School in Nevada, at Lieutenant Commander rank now and a future marriage at Annapolis next month and next year service on the USS Truman carrier

In a recent notice (Gannett News Service) the US Navy is holstering the F-14 Tomcat, the top gun in its Cold War arsenal and one of the most recognized war planes in history. Maintenance costs for the F-14 have soured and a more versatile cheaper-to-keep, replacement, the F/A-18 Super Hornet, has taken its place. The F-14 has already attained its legendary status by the 1986 film "Top Gun" staring Tom Cruise.

The Navy will mothball some F-14's in the Arizona desert and ship others to aviation museums. Admiral Michael Mullen says "there is something about the way an F-14 looks and something about the way it carries itself." Lets hope we get one at the Museum of Science and Industry.

The only other country still flying F-14's is Iran and they are starved for parts and struggle to keep them in flight.

With pride we salute all our military service personnel.

Governor announces grants to protect endangered species

Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announces more than $1 million in grants to protect threatened and endangered species. The Grants will help fund up to 80 projects in the Lower Sangamon River Watershed and Alton Bluffs area to restore and enhance habitat for at-risk species. This grant will support a large grant from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Grants are funded through the Landowner Incentive Program (LIP).

This is an example of landowners and state government working cooperatively together to conserve native habitat and will benefit generations to come indicated the Governor. The LIP program gives landowners an incentive to work cooperatively with the state and help meet some objectives identified as being critical to the state's habitat conservation efforts indicated Acting Director Natural Resources, Sam Flood.

The LIP program was first offered to states on a national level in 2002. Two levels of funding are available Tier I, which is up to $180,000 annually for administrative, associated with program development and implementation. Tier 2 funds are available for project implementation, monitoring and assessment and are determined from year to year.

The federally-funded LIP program is administered by the USFWS, and implemented on the state level by the IDNR. Illinois LIP has received nearly $2 million in funding for projects. This year, nearly $20 million in funding was awarded to 42 states across the United States.

Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

At the Oak Lawn Senior Center there is plenty in store for October beginning with October 11 programs on Medicare part D Prescription Program with Aetna Insurance representative Andrea Norman at 9:30am. She will discuss the many options and plans to choose from. Open enrollment begins November 15th and that is the time to change or sign up.

Also on October 11th flu and pneumonia shots will be available from Maximum Health Systems Seniors 65 and over need to show a Medicare card and Maxim will submit claim forms on your behalf. For those under 65 shots are $25 and $40. Preregister is required so call 708-499-0240

On Friday the 13th is the rummage sale from 9am to 4pm and on Saturday the 14th from 9am to 1pm. Those wishing to donate treasures can on the 12th. Pick up is available. Donations include pots, pans, dishes, glassware, plants, books, records, videos, small appliances, knick-knacks, clean articles of clothing and jewelry. Lunch will be served for a fee. There is a raffle with prizes of local-.store gift certificates.

On Monday, October 16th at 10am entertainer Tim Burr will join us for a delightful show on something new, borrowed, but never blue. He sings and plays guitar and delights all. Refreshments will be served.

The Oak Lawn Senior Center is 5330 W 95th Street, just down from the library. Stop by and see!

Dinner with the Oak Lawn Aglow International

The Oak Lawn Chapter of Aglow International will meet on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at Mama Luigi's Restaurant, 7500 South Harlem, Bridgeview. The speakers will be Duane and Lori Price. They are parents of two children, and Duane is associate pastor of Bethesda International Christian Ministries in Chicago Heights. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana and also currently works as a sales person for River Oaks Honda in Calumet City. He has just finished a career as a sales manager with the Independent Order of Foresters.

Dinner tickets are $13.00, available at 6:30 p.m. at the door. Dinner is served promptly at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required by October 10th. For additional information and reservations, please call June at 708-424-1656.

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Don and Ginger Morgan, 36 year residents of Oak Lawn are celebrating their 50th Anniversary

The Morgans, along with 1200 other Jubilarians, took part in the annual tradition of renewing vows at Holy Name Cathedral on Sunday, September 10th with Bishop Raymond Geodert officiating.

Sunday, October 22, a mass will be celebrated at St. Gerald Church with family and friends. After mass a brunch for the family and friends will take place at the Oak Lawn Hilton.

The Morgans are retired from their full time work and both are now both employed part-time at the Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home in Oak Lawn.

They are the parents of Donna Alvarez of Miami, Florida and Mary Taylor of Plainfield, IL. with four grandchildren.

Donald Lee Morgan and Virginia Ginger Naso married on October 20, 1956 at St Mary of Mount Carmel Church in Chicago.

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Sometimes a bonus may include a car and other specials for honeymoon couples. Remember travel agencies do not charge a fee for helping you with all your plans.

Pack your suitcases for the place you are going to and don't take too many clothes. Be sure to take things that consider the climate at all times of the day. Even if you are going to a tropical climate evenings are cool. Take a jacket or sweater. Don't forget aspirin, medications, sunglasses, an extra pair of sunglasses, contact lens, camera, film, plastic bag for dirty clothes.

These are just some of the little things brides forget when in love and in the midst of all that planning.

Make sure you take sunscreen lotions and your don't forget to confer with your wonderful man about the list of things to bring. He'll love you for it: Don't forget a heart that Loves, Bonds, Best Wishes, Carlene O'Connor

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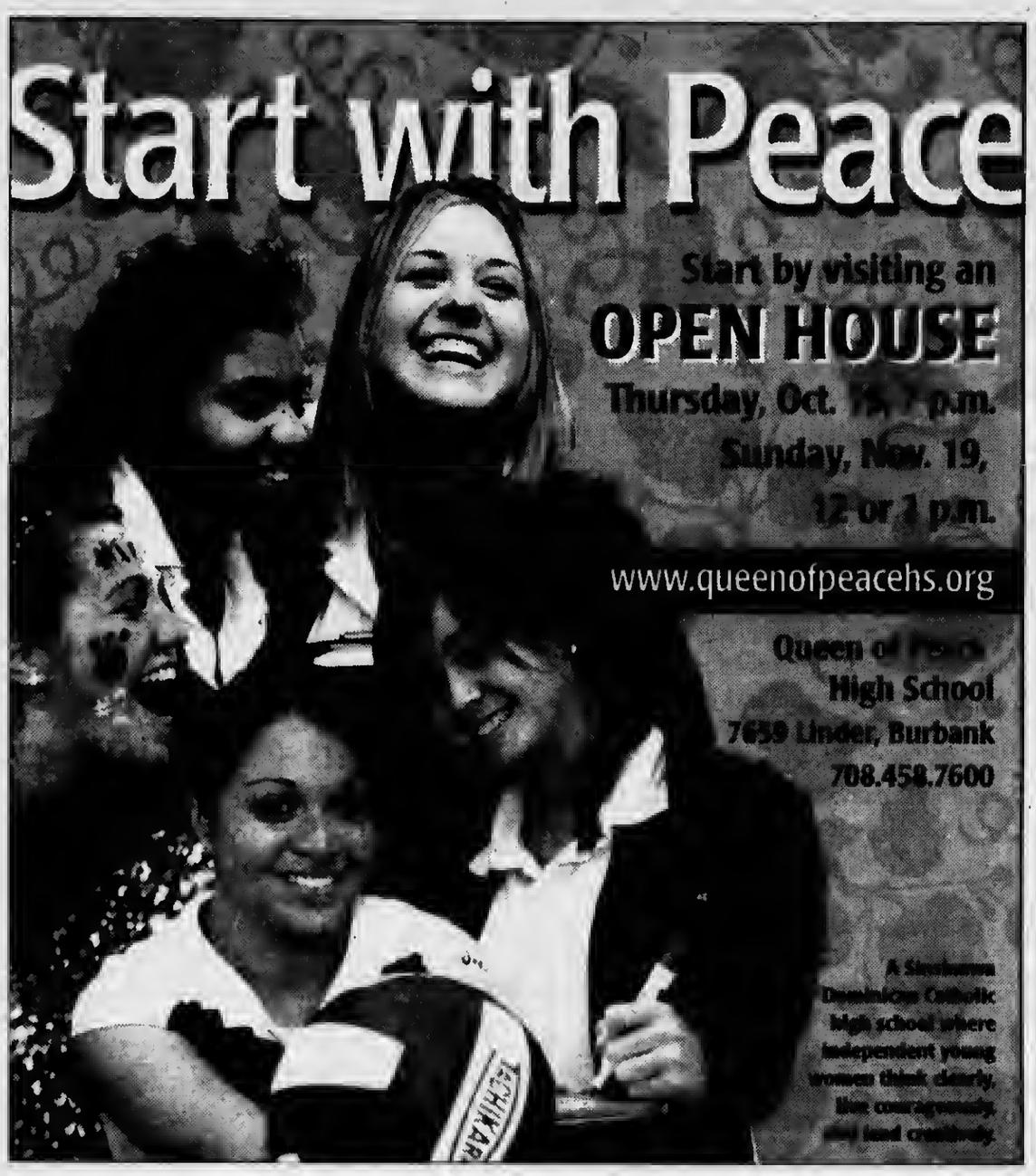

Connors to address AARP #3558

Judge Maureen E. Connors, assigned to the Probate Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, which is the largest Judicial Court in the Country, will address the A.A.R.P. #3558, Monday, October 9 at 1:30 pm. at Johnson-Phelps V.F.W. Hall 9514 S. 52nd Avenue, Oak Lawn.

Felix and Mary Waitches, coordinators announced that Judge Connors subject will be "WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT PROBATE." Following her delivery there will be a question and answer session.

Judge Connors became a Judge in 1988. She received her Bachelor or Arts at Loyola University and her Law Degree from Kent College of Law. Upon her appointment as Judge she was assigned to Traffic Court in Chicago for one year and then served in the 5th Municipal District for 5 years. In 1995 she was assigned to the Probate Division at Daley Center in Chicago. Connors was born and raised in the Bridgeport area and now resides in the Beverly Hills area.

Boy Scout project needs community help

Jacob Hunhoff, Life Scout, Troop #652, is doing an Eagle Service Project, a Christmas Drive for Our Troops, during the month of October to benefit our U.S. Troops in harms way. This project supports Operation Support Our Troops - Illinois, Inc. (OSOT -IL) by collecting comfort items, which can be used for Christmas gifts for our troops. This collection will boost morale by giving the troops a piece of home and making them feel remembered, appreciated, and supported.

Some suggested items are signed Christmas cards (you can put an envelope with a return address for a reply), hand held games, puzzle books, Christmas CD's, or DVD's. The web site for more suggestions is www.osotil.org <http://www.osotil.org>. This drive will take place from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. The following establishments are being supportive by putting a collection box at their location:

St. Laurence High School, Burbank Fire Department (79th St. Location), Burbank Police Department, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, St. Albert the Great Church, Arrowhead Trading Post 8409 S Harlem, and Dan's Barber Shop 8408 S. Kedzie.

Orland Open Spelling Bee

For the 28th year, spellers of all ages, children to senior citizens, will compete in the old fashioned Orland Open Spelling Bee, Sunday, October 15, 2006 at 2pm at the Presbyterian Church in Orland Park, 13401 S. Wolf Road. Spellers can be from anywhere and there is no cost. To register, call 708-448-8142, 532-0135 or 429-9642.

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for October 3rd: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online (expanded to include even more information coming from *"Numi"*). Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com* & *AstroXtras* & Visit *JackiMari.Com*

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Wish it...Will it...it can happen for you, especially this week. Health improves & travel is possible. D helps.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Someone will say "you can't be serious" but you will be. This all concerns money coming to you. R aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You could decide to take a long trip this week or next. Many good surprises come your way. R aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You are not really ready to get back into higher education or a new learning, but you will be soon.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Read the above message & add this: what you learn in this life aids you in the next one.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You are reaching "back" to someone who helped you a long time ago. This could be a "J."

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Your week looks really great. Relax & "let" things happen & do not force anything.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Everything seems to involve your housing this week. Lots of things to do. Too many?

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: A friend from the past contacts you & may offer a money making partnership.

I'm available for my Regular Psychic Services, Hypnotherapy & Psychic Counseling. For 1 or 2 questions online go to ***ePSYCHICanswers*** at ***JackiMari.Com***; Psychic House Parties continue to be available [Host/Hostess can be free]. Call **708-597-5866**.

It's 7pm Oct 4th for our discussion group on **SELF-ESTEEM** & ***All Things Paranormal*** at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]; mini-sessions October 9th & 23rd. Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] 10-2 & 16 from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. *"Telafriend"* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
ESP - Psychic Ability

I was recently asked if Extra-Sensory Perception is the same as Psychic Ability by a reporter from another local paper. I told them that Psychic Ability is a "completed circuit, electricity with the Universe." A true Psychic can sense future happenings. ESP happens when people are on the same spiritual, mental, emotional or physical level. ESP lets a person "listen in" to other people's thoughts at some same &/or specific t[illegible]. [Not mind-reading however.] ESP comes & goes out Psychic Ability stays & grows. I once had a sister [Sally] ESP gifted. She often wore the same colors I would choose to wear at the very same time or would listen to the same music I was listening to at the same time.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Chicago Children's Theatre partners with Chicago Park District

Chicago Children's Theatre's Artistic Director and Executive Directors, Jacqueline Russell and Claude Binder announce a partnership with Chicago Park District to bring the Chicago premiere of "Go, Dog Go!" to a classic circus tent pitched in Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park. Staged in a 50-foot-tall, red and white striped tent which seats 800. The production makes it Chicago debut April 13-May 26, 2007. Tickets go on sale in winter 2007.

"Go, Dog Go!" is adapted from PD Eastman's classic children's book by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory and promises to thrill audiences with a chaotic carnival of music and physical comedy that simplifies life. Dogs of all colors, shapes and sizes dance, sing, work, play, skate and climb through the magical world where dogs are king.

"Go, Dog Go!" will be directed by Andrew White, Jim Lasko is production designer and Jonathan Mastro is musical director. Binder indicated "we are thrilled and grateful to have the opportunity to work with the Chicago Park District." Russell indicates "having seen how delighted our young audiences were with the inaugural production of "A Year with the Frog and Toad", I cannot wait to see their reaction to "Go, Dog Go!" energy, color and humor."

Chicago Children's Theatre Family Memberships are available for $45 at a special introductory rate. Chicago Children's Theatre aspires to enrich our community through diverse and significant theatrical programming that engages the child in each of us. For information call 773-227-0180.

Photos: Evergreen Park boys and girls at US Cellular Field in an outing with the EP Youth Commission.

Evergreen Park Youth Commission news

by Jim Feltz (Director)

With summer winding down and the kids eager to return to school, the Evergreen Park Youth Commission ran three mini-bus trips to Space Mini-Golf in Orland Park, Tinley Park Roller Rink and a Tour of White Sox Park.

The kids said this Sox Tour was the best as they were escorted from "Ozzie's" interview room to the Stadium Club, then to the Announcer's Booth and down to the playing field where they sat in the White Sox Dugout and finished up in the Sox Bullpen. The 1/1/2 hour tour was both fun and very informative indicated the children.

3rd annual Evergreen Health Care Community Health Fair & Senior Expo

The Evergreen Park Community all in one fair/expo will take place Thursday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Evergreen Health Care Center, 10124 South Kedzie, Evergreen Park, IL.

Please see the following schedule of special events:

11-12 Senior Safety and Identity Theft Prevention

12-1 Is it Alzheimers?

1-1:30 Preventative Medicine for Seniors

1:30-2 Meet the Mayor and Chief of Police.

2-3 Advances in Joint Replacement Surgery

2-4 Ask the Doctor (General Questions & Advance Directives)

3-4 Bingo

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Free Tests: Pulmonary Function Tests, Glaucoma Tests

Inherit the Wind at Northlight Theatre

The 32nd season opens with Inherit the Wind at Northlight Theatre on October 4 through November 12, 2006 at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts. This is the powerful and timely play from the famous Scopes trial with celebrities Clarence Darrow and Williams Jennings Bryan.

The director is Jessica Thebus and the play stars Joe Dempsey, Erica Elam, Fran Guinan and others. Tickets are $34-$56 and available at the box office. Call 847-673-6300. There are various curtain times.

Oak Lawn Community Church is looking for clothing sellers

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, is looking for clothing sellers for their Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale on October 21, 2006 from 8-11am. They will accept 50 sellers on a first come first serve basis. To be able to pre-shop on Friday, before the sale, you can do so by donating 3-9 hours of time by helping with sale before, during or after for breakdown.

There is a$5 registration fee which $3 will be refunded if you work from 11-12pm after the sale. The seller receives 70% of their sales. Only fall and winter items accepted. Also accepted are maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys. For information, call 708-599-4025 or stop at the office Tuesday-Thursday 12 to 2:30pm. Wednesday and Thursday the office is open at 9am.

Fall Arts and Crafts Fair at OLCHS

The Fall Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 10an to 3pm at the school 94th and Southwest Highway. Unique handmade items from many area exhibitors will be displayed. Admission is free.

New this year will be a Vendors Showcase featuring independent representatives from companies such as Pampered Chef, Party Lite Candles, Homemade Gourmet, etc. There is also a creative activity area and the Crafty Diner will be serving soup, hot beef, sloppy joes and much more. Local crafters are encouraged calling as some booths are available. The number for PTSA is 708-424-5200 ex 5767.

Kathy's Kaleidoscope

Singing the School Bell Blues

kathywhirity@yahoo.com

by Kathy Whirity

Don't mind me if I'm feeling a little melancholy at the moment. With school already in full swing, another one of my wee pals is leaving behind her diaper brigade days to join the big kid ranks of Kindergarten.

Many, years ago I got my first taste of saying good bye to my own little one at the door to Kindergarten. Little did I know that the day care business would bring me right back to when I was a young mommy - cutting the heartstrings each and every time one of my day care darlings leaves these days behind.

Most have come into my care as infants. From the moment I rock them to sleep, coax a smile from their tiny lips, or share a laugh, a bond is born.

Days and weeks go by; months turn into years, and before I can even ponder life without them they are on their way to a new adventure.

I've learned what's really important when teaching toddlers - like having the loudest cheer when little peepers successfully master the big potty. I also know that, above all else, it's a tender voice of reassurance that builds confidence when accidents sometimes cause the tears of disappointment to flow.

This school year it is Kristen who will leave the day care nest. Like any other job, providing child care does have its drawbacks. Sooner or later you must let them go. From one school year to the next, faces change and schedules get rearranged. And, the little munchkins that will go on to live in my memory won't even remember these days of tea parties, playing beauty shop and just hanging out, but not so for me.

There are bright spots to this September scenario. Children may grow up and away, but it's refreshing to welcome a new faces to the flock.

As long as there are children placed in my care, I will have reason to wait for their arrival, in the wee hours of the morning , these children who will ultimately pas through the revolving door to my heart.

Knowing you can make a difference in the life of a child is a reward that stays with you long after they move onto the real world of reading, writing and homework.

That's pretty much what motivates me to continue on, looking forward to the daily dealings of the diaper brigade.

And, until the next school years I'll do my best not to focus on future good-byes and just enjoy the preschool journey and the joy it brings to me.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~
What really matters is what you do with what you have. (Shirley Lord.)

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Polish Heritage month is in October

October is Polish American Heritage Month and to inspire Polish pride among Polish-American youths, the Polish Museum of America (PMA). 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago Illinois is sponsoring an art contest for the children in kindergarten through grade 12. The theme is: "Polish Art in the forms of woodcrafts, paper cuttings, beading and embroidery." Prizes will be awarded in four categories; K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

Prizes are $100, $75, $50 and $25 in each category. Any medium can be used. The artwork should be poster size no larger than 14 inch by 22 inch. Call 773-384-3352 for an entry form. All entries will be on display at the PMA during October. Winners will be announced on Sunday, October 15 during the Heritage Program at PMA.

The free program is a celebration through art, songs, dances, poetry and music beginning at 1pm. The public is invited to attend. There is a Polish-style dinner 3pm in the Social Hall. Cost is $17 adults and $12 members, and $7 children. 16 and under. Reservations are required. Call 773-384-3352 ex 104.

Bedford Park Clearing Industrial Association hosts 4th annual expo

The Bedford park -Clearing Industrial Association is hosting its 4th Networking Business Expo on October 18th at The Hilton Oak Lawn, 9333 South Cicero in the Grand Ballroom. Hours are from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Admission is $10 per person, which includes a dinner buffet, beer, wine, pop & Dessert.

Advertise in our Election Issue on October 17 and Oct. 31

Mt Zion in Oak Lawn seeks crafters

Mt Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is seeking crafters for their Arts and Crafts Fair to be held on November 4, 2006 from 9am to 4pm. The fair will be held in the church, located at 10400 S. Kostner Ave in Oak Lawn. Table rental is $25. Call 708-238-6501 for Ruth Peterson for applications and information.

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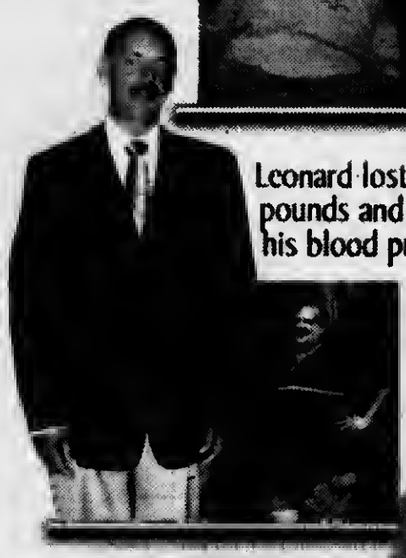

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Photo; Timothy Kelly (Marquette Park) and Ryan Smith (Garfield Ridge) being congratulated with St.Laurence Vice President Mr. Mark Scott

St Laurence has two semifinalists in National Merit Program

Administrators of St. Laurence high school announced that two seniors Timothy Kelly (Marquette Park) and Ryan Smith (Garfield Ridge) have been designated as Semifinalists in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are among the 16,000 students who now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8200 Merit Scholarship awards, worth $33 million that will be offered next spring.

To be considered for finalist level a candidate needs an outstanding academic record having been endorsed by the school principal and earning SAT scores that confirm earlier test performance.

St.Laurence has free basketball clinics

The St Laurence High School Basketball Program invites all sixth, seventh and eighth- grade boys to its Big Man Camp and Shooting Clinic. Boys can attend one or both events and there is no charge. On Monday, November 13th from 7:30-9pm there are several drills that will enhance play with their school or traveling team. The Shooting Clinic is Monday, November 27th from 7:30-9pm and gives the participant attention regarding their strengths and weaknesses that will enhance their scoring in the upcoming season.

Registration ends on November 10 and November 24. For information or to register call coach Tom Pallardy at 708-458-6900 ex 255.

Mt. Assisi host memorial mass

The Community of Mount Assisi Academy invites all Mount Assisi alumnae, parents, family members and friends to attend its annual Memorial Mass and Brunch, scheduled for Sunday October 29, 2006 at 10:30 a.m: This very special liturgy will remember individuals memorialized in the past year by families and friends, as well as deceased family members of the MAA Community whose names are inscribed in the Book of Remembrance.

A light brunch will be served after the Mass. Individuals interested in learning more about the MAA Memorial Mass and Brunch, including how to submit the names of loved ones to be remembered at the Mass, are encouraged to contact the MAA Development Office at 630-257-7844, extension 23. For Memorial Cards, please call the aforementioned telephone number or email MAA at development@mtassiacademy.org <mailto:development@mtassiacademy.org>.

Library Hosts Free Model Train Show

The Midwest Division of the Train Collector's Association will display running train layouts, collections and memorabilia 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, October 7 at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St . There will also be kid-friendly trains for children to operate and special train storytime programs at 11:00-11:30 a.m. and 2:00-2:30 p.m. Patrons of all ages may drop in anytime meet fellow railroad enthusiasts. Free admission. No registration required. Lower level meeting rooms.

The library will hold three free train-themed programs during October 2006.

On Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m., learn about "The History of Chicago Passenger Trains" from local historian Greg Stout. On Sunday, October 15 at 2:00 p.m., enjoy a Train Celebration concert with folk singer Mark Dvorak.

For more information, call 708-422-4990 or visit the library's web site (www.oaklawnlibrary.org).

Library Offers Homeschool Group

Homes schooling families can meet and work together as part of resource and sharing group sponsored by the Oak Lawn Public Library 5300 West 95th St. the second Thursday of each month at10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. On October 12, the group will hold an interactive Literature Fair with stories, drawings, snacks and crafts created and contributed by its members. Other regular monthly offerings include tours of the library, instruction on improving research skills, presentations, crafts and book discussions. No registration required. All ages are welcome to participate.

For more information, stop by the Youth Services Desk or call, 708-422-4990.

Free Child I.D. Program

Officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department will be on hand to create free Child I.D.s at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. These two page reports include a color photo, fingerprints and other information that could assist authorities with locating children in the event of an emergency. No advance registration required. Families may stop by anytime during this four-hour time span to make an appointment for that day.

For more information, call the library's Youth Services Department, 708-422-4990.

Great Books Discussion Group

The Ernest B. Jaski Oak Lawn Great Books Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month to discuss and interpret significant works of fiction, philosophy, political science, poetry and drama. Meetings are held at the Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W. 95th St. During their 2006-2007 season, the Great Books group will discuss "Common Sense" by Thomas Paine, "Natural Selection" by Charles Darwin, "The Human Comedy" by William Saroyan and other notable literary works.

For additional information or a reading list, contact Marcia McGerty, 708-974-1673, or Jim Clauter, 708-423-3994.

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Harris Theatre announces New York City Ballet engagement

The Harris Theatre announces New York City Ballet's first Chicago engagement in more than 25 years!

The October 17-21 engagement features the appearance of the 90- member company and full orchestra in three diverse programs. Individual tickets are on sale the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance on Randolph Street. Tickets are $35-$115.

Annie is timeless with a new audience

The recent Broadway in Chicago offering of Annie was delightful and spans all time. There is now a new audience for the ageless production. The cast was fresh, the music, as always, pleasurable, the story relevant and Mrs. Hannigan was the original actress from Broadway.

Some of the trivia from Annie is as follows: Who originated the role of Annie? What "Sex and the City" star played the part of Annie on Broadway? When did it appear first on Broadway? What are the names of the seven orphans? On what comic strip is the musical Annie based and who wrote it? When did it appear? What US President appears in both media? What is the name of Annie's furry companion? During what historical time does Annie take place?

Trivia answers: Andrea Mc Ardle, Sarah Jessica Parker,1977, Annie, Duffy, Tessie, July, Kate, Pepper and Molly, Little Orphan Annie, Harold Gray, 1924, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Sandy and The Great Depression the 1930's.

Chicago's Company of SPELLING BEE raises funds for Aids Foundation of Chicago

Company members from Chicago's new Tony Award-winning Broadway musical comedy THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE earned extra credit in civics class this past Saturday, September 16 to participate in the annual AIDS Run/Walk event benefiting the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

Spellers and bee staff alike came together Saturday morning, generating over $5000 in pledges for local AIDS organizations in the Chicagoland area.

In the hilariously hip musical comedy, THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE, six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser.

SPELLING BEE continues its critically acclaimed open-ended engagement at Chicago 's Drury Lane Theatre , located at 175 East Chestnut Street .

For more information, log onto: www.spellingbeethemusical.com/chicago

CST is toying with Hamlet

CST presents Shakespeare's classic tale of revenge and madness, brought to life by a company of inch-high ninja figurines, in Tiny Ninja Theater (TNT) Presents Hamlet, created by Dov Weinstein, Upstairs at CST on October 9 through the 18th this year. The hour- long Hamlet will perform along side CST's full-length Hamlet production, directed by Terry Hands, and CST's next subscription offering, "Two Noble Kinsmen."

TNT was founded in 1999 and the tiny plastic ninjas that were in vending machines are now used all across the city to perform classical theater. It is grand tragedy on a tiny scale. The company is comprised of 100 Tiny Ninjas as well as several miniature aliens, robots and special guests Mr.& Mrs. Smile.

TNT has performed for audiences in London, Edinburgh, Dublin, Belfast, Prague and through the United States. Tickets for TNT are $20 and performances are Monday-Wednesday at 7:30pm. Tickets are also available for the CST full production Hamlet. Call the CST box office at 312-595-5600.

Steppenwolf brings back McDonagh

by Marijo Doody

Steppenwolf's artistic director, Martha Lavey became familiar with Martin McDonagh's works over ten years ago. He is a master story- teller. The 31st season opened with "The Pillowman" by McDonagh and was directed by ensemble member Amy Morton. In "The Pillowman," the dexterity of character treatment, plot and language leads us to question the artist's dark zones in human nature.

Lavey has noted McDonagh's plays have been questioned: does their black humor add to our understanding of human conditions? Does the violence startle us into wakefulness on humanity or is it cruelty? Are their limits?

In a totalitarian state, a writer, Katurian (Jim True-Frost) is questioned by police about his nightmarish stories and their similarity to murders that occurred in the town. In another room Katurian's mentally impaired brother Michal (Michael Shannon) is questioned also and the police procedure takes an unforeseen twist and turns. We never find out why they are being questioned. The police are good cop and bad cop played by Tracy Letts (Ariel) and Yasen Peyankow (Tupolski). The Tupolski's character certainly shadows the actor's own life.

The theme is a series of two's, namely, brothers, cops, rooms in duality. Even Jim True-Frost character is a double name Katurian Katurian. The parents of the men certainly have a dual environment as is seen in the play. Perhaps that torture caused Katurian to become a writer, his first love. In the play the pairings are always the good and the bad, the real and imagined, the fright and delight, the parent and the child, the intelligent and the naïve, the totalitarian and the unlicensed and the public and the private.

Katurian is recounting the incidents of childhood to whom, to the audience, to the police? The play is a great storytelling and you always wonder is he mad, is it true, fact, fairy-tale or a great-yam! It makes one think! There are interesting twists.

True-Frost is fine in the series with his brother, Shannon, especially when he pleads for salvation of his stories. Although you may not be convinced his life is in jeopardy. Shannon is terrific, even though he has an itch!

The sets of Loy Arcenas's are terrific and that helps the confusion or does fiction and reality set in. There are both the mainstage and the proscentium.

The Pillowman runs through November 12 at Steppenwolf located 1650 N Halsted. Call the box office at 312-335-1650 for tickets. The theatre is accessible to public transportation.

Hubbard Street Dance fall program worldly

by Marijo Doody

The fall 2006 Hubbard Street Dance (HSD) program is out of this world! Its theme is "Global Tapestry" and movement and music were spectular. Two world premieres were presented in the programming at the Harris Theatre for Music and Dance.

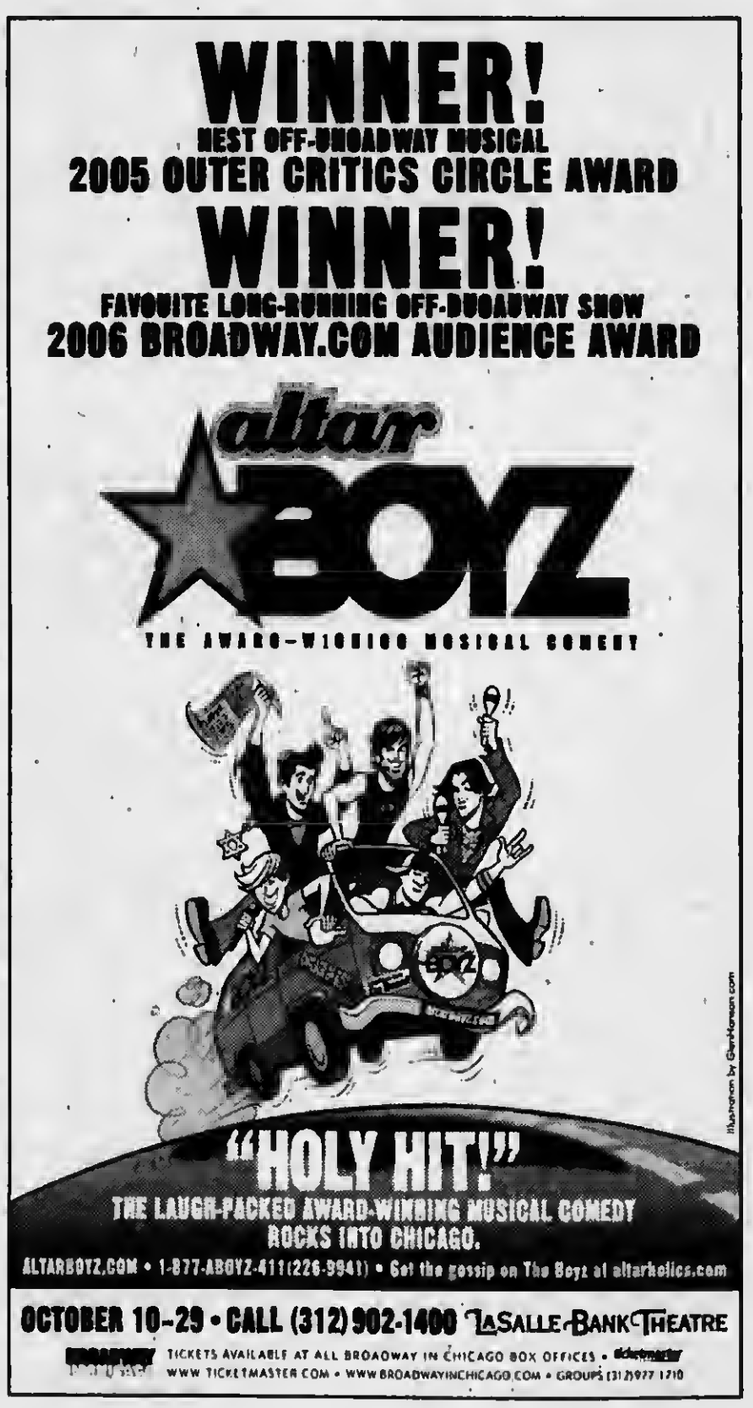
"Lickety-Split" was choreographed by Alejandro Cerrudo(a HSD dancer) to the music of Devendra Banhart. The dance was for six dancers, three men and women in pairs. Robyn Mineko Williams, Jamy Meek, Cheryl Mann, Terrence Marling, Sarah Cullen Fuller and Tobin Del Cuore were marvelous. The dance was initially developed as part of the "Inside/Outside" of HSD 2006 Choreographic Workshop and is a representative of the most multi-faceted artist in the dance world.

Japanese choreographer Toru Shimazuoka to music by the Australian group Dead Can Dance choreographed "Bardo". It featured twelve dancers. Sterling performances were by Shannon Alvis, Jamy Meeks, Cheryl Mann and Tobin Del Cuore. The dance movements and the running were most grand!

Japanese choreographer Toru Shimazuoka has been featured in the international sites of The Polish Dance Theatre, Swiss Ballet Grand Theatre de Geneva, Japan's National New Tokyo Theatre and the Matsuoka Reiko Ballet Company. He is a professor at Japan Kobe University.

The programming also included HSD member Brian Enos's "Dipthong" with music by the Belgian based Zapa Mama band that was danced by six artists. HSD Artistic Associate Lucas Crandall's playful duet "Gimme" was set to Norwegian group Bla Bergens Borduner. Cheryl Mann and Tobin Del Cuore sorred in the dance. Spain was represented by "Cor Perdut" by Nacho Duato with music sung by Maria del Mar Bonet and passionately and romantically danced by Shannon Alvis and Jamy Meeks.

The spring series of HSD is in April 2007. Tickets are available at the Harris Theatre.East. Randolph Street.



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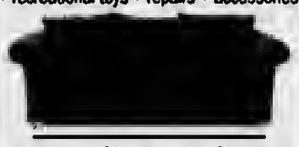

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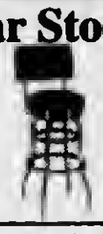

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Sporadic individual leaf fires usually don't cause any major pollution, but multiple fires in one geographic area can cause concentrations of air pollutants that exceed federal air quality standards. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), several leaf and yard waste fires burning simultaneously in a particular locale can cause air pollution rivaling that from factories, motor vehicles and lawn equipment.

Purdue University consumer horticulture specialist Rosie Lerner says that composting leaves is the most eco-friendly alternative to burning. Dry leaves alone will take a long time to break down, she says, but mixing in green plant materials, such as grass trimmings, will speed up the process. Sources of nitrogen, such as livestock manure or commercial fertilizer, will also help. "Mix the pile occasionally to keep a good supply of air in the compost," she says, adding that a compost pile should be a minimum of three cubic feet and will generate soil conditioner within weeks or a few months, depending on conditions.

Another option is to shred leaves for use as mulch for your lawn or to help protect garden and landscape plants. Lerner suggests adding no more than a two-to-three-inch layer of leaves around actively growing plants, chopping or shredding the leaves first so they don't matt down and prevent air from reaching roots.

As to using leaves as mulch for your lawn, it is just a simple matter of mowing right over the leaves with the lawnmower and leaving them there. As with leaves used for garden mulch, this will provide many benefits, including weed suppression, moisture conservation and moderation of soil temperature.

CONTACTS: U.S. EPA Residential Leaf Burning Facts, http://es.epa.gov/techinfo/facts/leafburn.html;

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From the Editors of E/The Environmental Magazine

Dear EarthTalk: Now that autumn is here the leaves are going to pile up in my yard again. Is it really that bad to burn them? Why is it illegal to burn leaves in so many places now? —*Jeffrey Edwards, Westport, CT*

Burning fallen leaves used to be standard practice across North America, but most municipalities now ban or discourage the incendiary practice due to the air pollution it causes. The good news is that many towns and cities now offer curbside pickup of leaves and other yard waste, which they then turn into compost for park maintenance or for sale commercially. And there are other burn-free options as well.

Because of the moisture that is usually trapped within leaves, they tend to burn slowly and thus generate large amounts of airborne particulates—fine bits of dust, soot and other solid materials. According to Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources, these particulates can reach deep into lung tissue and cause coughing, wheezing, chest pain, shortness of breath and sometimes long-term respiratory problems.

Leaf smoke may also contain hazardous chemicals such as carbon monoxide, which can bind with the hemoglobin in the bloodstream and reduce the amount of oxygen in the blood and lungs accordingly. Another noxious chemical commonly present in leaf smoke is benzo(a)pyrene, which has been shown to cause cancer in animals and is believed to be a major factor in lung cancer caused by cigarette smoke. And while breathing in leaf smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat of healthy adults, it can really wreak havoc on small children, the elderly and people with asthma or other lung or heart diseases.

Earth Talk from col. 5

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Crotty announces monetary awards for bike trails

State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) was recently notified that nearly $400,000 is to be awarded to develop area bicycle trails in the Southland. She is pleased the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has awarded this and the grants promote recreation that is pollution-free and good for the environment. It encourages a family-friendly activity to bike in a safe environment.

The grants include $197,000 for the Village of Orland Park to develop nearly two miles trails connecting the Tinley Creek Forest Preserve and the trail system at the eastern end. Also $200,000 for Frankfort Township to construct over two miles of trail along St. Francis and Frankfort Square Road and 80th Avenue, directly linking up with a recently completed segment completed by the Frankfort Square Park District.

Flynn to address St. Damian Men's Club

Judge Peter Flynn, of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, will speak before the St. Damian Men's Club, Tuesday, October 10th at 7:30 p.m. in the school hall, 5300 W. 155th St., Oak Forest.

Greg Williams, coordinatior, announced that Judge Flynn will discuss the Illinois court system, which is one of the largest unified court systems in the world.

Judge Flynn is a 1963 Graduate of Harvard College, with a Magna Cum Laude Degree in government. In 1966, he received his law degree from Yale Law school where he was awarded theThurman Arnold Prize and the John Fletcher Casky Prize for Distinction in Appellate and Trial Advocacy.

Shortly after graduating from Yale, Judge Flynn joined the Peace Corps. He served two years in Western Nigeria as a Peace Corps. Volunteer and Assistant Lecturer in Law at the University of IFE.

Upon leaving the Peace Corps, he became a member of Jenner & Block, a large law firm in Chicago. Judge Flynn then formed his own law firm which handled primarily complex business and commercial litigation in State and Federal Courts across the country. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fifth, Seventh and Ninth Circuits, and all of the Federal and State Courts in Illinois. Judge Flynn is a member of St. John Fisher Parish. Since 1989, he has been listed in "Who's Who in American Lawn" and "Who's Who in The Midwest."

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Orland Park strives to reduce traffic congestion

by Matt Mayer

The board approved the purchase of two tracks of land at the Sept.18 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting. One is from Pep Boys at the southeast corner of 159th Street and LaGrange Road for $366,000.

The other parcel purchase is from Marriott Senior Living at 16051 S. Lagrange Road for $34,900. This acquisition is referred to as a quick-take procedure in which a Cook County judge sets a preliminary just compensation for the property. The village then gives this amount to the Cook County Treasurer who in turn deposits it into an escrow account. The deed then is forwarded to the state so the project can commence prior to the actual cost being determined in the courts. Additional parcels are also slated for purchase in an effort to help alleviate traffic congestion.

Other highlights: The board also approved the purchase of property at 10800 W. 153rd Street for $51,012 to Angelo Aggelopoulos and $47,745 to Recon Trust Company. An ordinance amending the village land development code was approved as well as ordinance providing full reimbursement of the village share of real estate tax paid by the owners-occupants of residential real estate.

The board approved waiving the bidding process to purchase telecommunications system additions, upgrades and installation from Maron Structure Technologies in an amount not to exceed $227,867. An ordinance to annex Orland Grove Office Park at 143rd and 108th Avenue was also approved. The next meeting is Oct.2.

Oak Forest approves police purchase

by Matt Mayer

At the Sept. 26, Oak Forest City Council meeting, the city council approved a contract with Terry's Lincoln - Mercury of Peotone to purchase, four Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers, through state purchase. The city council approved a contract with ERA Valdivia Contractors, Inc for the repainting of the city's two water storage tanks as well as a contract with HNTB for updating services of the city Forest's compressive plan. A contract with Catherine O'Connor to act as a payroll service provider was also approved- the amounts were not disclosed.

An ordinance for the extension of an intergovernmental agreement with Arbor Park School District 145 for the purchase of the 159th Street Arbor Park school site was approved; a resolution to authorize the execution of an agreement with the Municipal Energy Collaborative was also approved. The week of Oct 8 was proclaimed Fire Prevention Week and the month of Oct was proclaimed Domestic Violence Awareness month. The next meeting is Oct. 10.

City of Oak Forest

By now, all Oak Forest residents should have received their property tax bills. The City portion of the property tax rate increased from $1.471 to $1.515 per $100 in equalized assessed value. This change represents an increase of 2.99% when compared to the previous tax rate.

Upon the adoption of the property tax levy in December 2005 the City had projected an expected increase of 15%.

The line graph plots the history of the city's tax rate since 1994. The minimal increase is consistent with the city's philosophy of keeping the tax rate constant and avoiding large jumps. This allows residents to plan accordingly, and avoids shocking increases.

It has been a goal of the Mayor & City Council to decrease the City's reliance on the property tax as a source of revenue. A number of alternative sources have been identified which would allow the City to decrease next year's property tax levy. Depending upon final revenue projections, the decrease could be in the vicinity of 10%.

Some of the best and the brightest

U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski beams after presenting citations to high school seniors David Karpiel and Thomas Sanchez of St. Laurence, Arturo Fernandez and Stephen Pezanos-Pinto of Mooseheart and Daniel Point (not pictured) of St. Rita. These boys were judged on their character and leadership skills and were found deserving as delegates to Illinois Boys State 2006 and well represented their schools.

Proud sponsors are the James J. Zientek American Legion Post #419. Post members pictured include Commander Milton Metke and Boys State Coordinators Ray Jedrysiak and John Mielnicki. In the background, on the podium is Edwin Pajor, Americanism Chairman.

Boys State is the annual assembly of the "best and brightest" high school seniors from across the State to have fun while learning and performing the fundamentals and operations of government. Started over 30 years ago by American Legion Posts in Illinois, this program is now sponsored by American Legion Posts across the nation.

Jacki Mari

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by Jacki Mari and Alyn

Physic Predictions

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Award winners announced for Chicago Southland Bureau

The Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) presented awards at the Annual Membership Awards. The featured speaker was Doug Price, Senior Vice President-Professional Development, Destination Marketing Association International, Washington DC.

The following were 2006 Southland Stars of the Industry Awards: Administrative Employee of the Year: Mary C Greene of the Oak Lawn Hilton; Bellstaff Employee of the Year: John Williams of the Doubletree Hotel/Alsip: Food and Beverage Employee of the Year: Alex Roman of the Doubletree Hotel/Alsip: Housekeeping Employee of the Year:Ramona Guiterrez of the Doubletree Hotel/Alsip and Manager of the Year: Brian Anderson of the Oak Lawn Hilton.

The CSCVB Annual Awards were as follows:

1. 2006 Member of the Year: The Chicago Fire Major League Soccer Team at Toyota Park in Bridgeview.
2. Linda Morgan Award for Volunteerism was Jeanne Gallaway-Spivey (former Director of the Conference Center at South Suburban College).
3. Patricia Chase Magon Municipal Leader of the Year Award: Mayor Daniel Podgorski, Village of Lansing, for work on the Lansing Torrence Avenue Interchange.
4. Aldo DeAngelis Leadership Award to Mayor Dwight Welch, City of Country Club Hills, for development Country Club Hills Theatre.

The Hotel Partner of the Year; Limited Service went to Baymont Inn in Alsip; Hotel Partner of the Year: Full Service went to Oak Lawn Hilton and the Volunteer of the Year award went to Bruno Tometczak.

For additional information on CSCVB call Bob Lukens at 708-895-8200.

Don't forget the election issue on October 17 & Oct. 31!

Redmoon Theater performs at Columbus Park

Chicago's acclaimed not-for-profit Redmoon Theatre will present "Spectacle '06:Twilight Orchard" for seven days in the Austin neighborhood's world famous Columbus Park, 5601 W. Jackson Blvd on October 3-9, 2006 at 6;30 and 9:30pm.

Artistic Director, Jim Lesko said "I am very pleased to work with the Chicago Park District for the third year in a row and the partnership enables us to continue to celebrate some of Chicago's beautiful and intriguing locations. Redmoon presents a peaceful and lyrical evening for all to enjoy.

"Spectacle '06:Twilight Orchard" features original music and includes a cast of over 60 performers.

Call 312-850-8440 ex 111 for tickets that are $10. Tickets are free for neighborhood around the park including Austin, Garfield Park, North Lawndale and Oak Park.

Acorn Library in Oak Forest present the following events

Not Paying for College With Joe Orsolini from College Aid Planners
Thursday, Oct. 5th, 2006, 7:00 PM

Joseph Orsolini, a Certified Financial Planner drawing on 16 years of financial services experience and featured in a variety of media outlets such as Kiplinger's *Safe Investing*, & CLTV News' *Your Money* will introduce students and parents to the college financial aid process: the timetable, the forms and applications, as well as the information needed to complete them. He will discuss the long- and near-term strategies to reduce your family contribution and maximize the amount of college aid for which you will qualify. You really should incorporate planning for financial aid as soon as your child is born, but sophomore year of high school is when you need to finalize planning for financial aid. What families don't realize is that even though they fill out the financial aid applications during senior year, they are actually using tax information going back to the student's junior year. So if your child is a junior in high school, the financial aid process has already begun. When your child is a sophomore you still have time to change some of the variables that impact the financial aid formulas. Even if your student is in college currently there may be ways to save. Mr. Orsolini will help answer your questions for a clearer understanding of college tuition — one of the largest expenses faced by your family!

Healthy Eating Tips With dietitian Ellin Learned from AgeOptions
Thursday, October 12th, 2006, 7:00 PM

Dietician Ellin Learned from AgeOptions (formerly Suburban Agency on Aging), will show you how to eat healthier by using the new guidelines. Find out how to choose foods low in saturated fat, low in sodium and low in calories and how to sort out information and misinformation in the media. Also discussed will be meal tips, healthy snack tips and recipe substitutions.

Visit to Siberia (Meet the New Director - Mary Tuytschaevers)
Saturday, Oct. 21st, 2006, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us in a Welcome Open House/Travelogue with our new library director Mary Tuytschaevers as she shares her stories and highlights (including photos and possibly slides) of her trip to Siberia in October 2004 when she represented American Libraries at the Russian Library Association's annual Biblio-Caravan meeting

Scrapbooking Sampler By Creative Memories Consultant Debbie Fleming
Thursday, Nov. 9th, 2006, 7:00 PM

Are your photos in boxes, drawers, developing envelopes, your computer or digital camera or in an album that is destroying them? Join this hands-on class and learn the basics of America's fastest-growing hobby: scrapbooking. You'll learn tips for organizing, storing and mounting your photos safely and creatively.

This class is for those who want to keep it simple and get their photos in albums quickly! You'll receive instruction, handouts, motivation and create a short sampler to take home.

A limited number of "students" should bring 2-3 photos (not heirlooms!) to this class.

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Madam X premieres at Chicago Center

Madam X, a captivating new musical drama, premieres at Chicago Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA), 777 N Green Street in Chicago. The show runs Saturday, October 7 through November 19, 2006. Tickets are $27-$55 depending on time. For tickets call the CCPA at 312-733-6000 or visit the web at www.SeeMadamX.com.

Madam X is set in 1901 Bordeaux France where the entire city is ablaze with rumors of a nameless woman who murdered her companion. The 1906 Bisson play has a century-long history of reflecting its timeless popularity and has been featured in feature film, which garnered an Academy Award in 1929 for Lionel Barrymore, its director. The 1966 film starred Lana Turner.

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Palos Township holds voter education seminar

The Palos Township will hold one Voter Education seminar in conjunction with Cook County David Orr's office at the Palos Township Hall, 10802 S. Roberts Road, in Palos Hills on Wednesday, October 4th, 2006.

Staffers from Orr's office will be present to discuss "early voting" and answer questions. There will be a demonstration of the Optical Scan and Touch Screen voting machines.

For hands on practice, there will be four touch screen machines available. This demonstration is being held to familiarize the voter with the new machines before the November 7th election. For reservations call 708-598-2359. Refreshments will be served. This is a perfect time for all Township residents to gain information says Township Clerk, Jane Nolan.

Palos Hills Recreation activities news

The Palos Hills Recreation Department has several trips including: Taste of home on October 12, Chicago Premium Outlet on November 16, The Little Traveler in Geneva Illinois on December 14. Call 708-430-4500 for more information.

The Not So Haunted Hayride Just for Kids is Saturday, October 28. Cost is $2 for hayride, goodie bag, refreshments, craft project, Trick or treat and more. Call for tickets.

For the holidays there is Candy Making Class on Thursday, November 9 at $5 a person with the staff of Delicious Creations and the Mitten Tree for decorating the Holiday Tree with new mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks for the needy in various shelters in the south suburbs. All sizes are welcome. Donations are accepted during regular business hours. Call for details. The address is 8455 W 103rd St in Palos Hills.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post 177 has announcements

McDonald Linn Chicago Ridge V.F.W. Post 177, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. Chicago Ridge, IL. Have 12 Parking Spaces available for rent on a monthly bases. Ideal for Metro Train & Express Bus riders. Anyone interested, please call Pat at 708-636-3220.

Don't forget Wendy's Nite on Wednesday, October 18, at 79th Street and Harlem Ave. from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please bring out the family for dinner and at the same time support a Post Fundraiser. Call 636-3220 for more details.

We also will be collecting items to send to the troopers overseas. Non-perishable food items, toiletries, hand held games, DVDs and wet wipes are needed. For a complete list of items call Pat or John at 708-636-3220.

A Penny Social will be held on Sunday, October 15 at McDonald Linn Post 177 VFW Ladies Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland at 12:00 Noon. Refreshment will be served.

Chicago Ridge approves rental ordinances

by Matt Mayer

The board approved three ordinances at the Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting regarding multi and single-family dwellings rentals such as apartments. The ordinances require building owners to attend a one eight-hour class, which will be conducted by a certified residential police department licensing officer. The class will focus on formulating a stable rental base, tenant safety, tenant screening techniques as well as providing instruction regarding the tenants responsibility for maintaining the property to meet village codes. These ordinances were adopted in an effort to increase property value.

There will be an annual fee of $100 and if the property inspection fails to meet codes, there will be a $300 fine. The class will be held three times per year.

An ordinance for temporary signs as well as an ordinance repealing a section of the village code pertaining to political signs was approved as well as an ordinance to release lot 2 in the Elk's subdivision. The board approved a police department tuition reimbursement request for Aneta Trygar for $586 and a supervision training reimbursement for Sgt. Piatanesi for $105. A rezoning and parking variation for a slated retail business development at 10255 S. Southwest Highway was approved as well as a request from Park Lawn to hold their Tag Days on April 6 and 7 and April 20and 21.

Worth approves vehicle sticker increase

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance at the Sept. 19 Worth Board of Trustees meeting to increase vehicle tags fees as follows: passenger cars from $25 to $27; antique cars $5 to $7; motorcycles $15 to $17 and D, F, H, J, truck classifications from $50 to $55. Senior citizen car stickers will remain at the current $5. Vehicle stickers may be purchased beginning on Nov.1. Residents can save $2 if the stickers are purchased by Dec. 31.

An ordinance was also approved to increase the citation for not displaying a current sticker from $40 to $50.

An ordinance for the subdivision of property with lot variance and lot width variance at 11201 and 11211 S. Oak Park Ave was approved. A request from Park Lawn to conduct tag days on April 6, 7 and April 20 and 21 was also approved. The board then adjourned into executive session. The next meeting is Oct. 3, at the new 7 p.m. starting time.

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St. Xavier University announces the following May 2006 graduates

Chicago Ridge

Dalia Azuolaityte, B.S., biology/chemistry minor (cum laude)
Jonathan Bartkowiak, B.A., art
Monica Pastorius, B.S., biology/chemistry minor (magna cum laude)
Elzbieta Smreczynski, B.S., mathematics/secondary education/education minor (cum laude)
Laurie Steele, master of public health (MPH)
Mai Abdul-Majid Wazwaz, B.S., biology/pre-pharmacy (magna cum laude)
William J. Johnson, M.A., secondary education
Shirley McLean, B.A., psychology
Tonya Shenault, MBA, health administration
Vikki A. Varisce, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) (cum laude)

Palos Heights

Liza DeStefano, M.A., education/school counseling
Diana Virginia Flenck, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN)
Sarah A. Follenweider, M.A., secondary education
Kimberly E. Johnson, MBA, business administration
Holly Nicole Munk, B.A., English/communication minor (summa cum laude)
Jeff A. Obradovich, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Jessica Palmer, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN)/ psychology minor
Michael Gregory Patras, B.A., criminal justice (cum laude)
Caroline Ihsan Sweiss, B.A., English language arts/ secondary education/education minor (summa cum laude)
Alexandra Tripodis-Smirniotis, M.A., education/teaching and leadership
Sarah Tyrrell, B.S., elementary education (magna cum laude)

Palos Hills

Anastasia Constantine, M.A., education/multicategorical special education
Michelle Lyn Conte, B.S., elementary education (magna cum laude)
Ekaterina Georgantonis, M.A., education
Susanna M. Harper, MBA, service management
Arthur Kiwacz, MBA, financial analysis and investments
Marc Mandarino, B.S., science/biology/secondary education/education minor
Alaa M. Masoud, MBA, marketing
Veronica McCarthy, M.A., education/reading
Michael Mrozek, MBA, finance
John Ott, bachelor of business administration (BBA), business administration
Jessica Lauren Waller, bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) (magna cum laude)

Palos Park

Jennifer Brown, M.S., speech-language pathology
Mary Beth Gammonley, B.A., communication/art and design minor (summa cum laude)
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Chicago Children's Theatre partners with Chicago Park District

Chicago Children's Theatre's Artistic Director and Executive Directors, Jacqueline Russell and Claude Binder announce a partnership with Chicago Park District to bring the Chicago premiere of "Go, Dog Go!" to a classic circus tent pitched in Daley Bicentennial Plaza in Grant Park. Staged in a 50-foot-tall, red and white striped tent which seats 800. The production makes it Chicago debut April 13-May 26, 2007. Tickets go on sale in winter 2007.

"Go, Dog Go!" is adapted from PD Eastman's classic children's book by Steven Dietz and Allison Gregory and promises to thrill audiences with a chaotic carnival of music and physical comedy that simplifies life. Dogs of all colors, shapes and sizes dance, sing, work, play, skate and climb through the magical world where dogs are king.

"Go, Dog Go!" will be directed by Andrew White, Jim Lasko is production designer and Jonathan Mastro is musical director. Binder indicated "we are thrilled and grateful to have the opportunity to work with the Chicago Park District." Russell indicates "having seen how delighted our young audiences were with the inaugural production of "A Year with the Frog and Toad", I cannot wait to see their reaction to "Go, Dog Go!" energy, color and humor."

Chicago Children's Theatre Family Memberships are available for $45 at a special introductory rate. Chicago Children's Theatre aspires to enrich our community through diverse and significant theatrical programming that engages the child in each of us. For information call 773-227-0180.

3rd annual Evergreen Health Care Community Health Fair & Senior Expo

The Evergreen Park Community all in one fair/expo will take place Thursday, October 5th at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Evergreen Health Care Center, 10124 South Kedzie, Evergreen Park, IL.

Please see the following schedule of special events:

11-12 Senior Safety and Identity Theft Prevention

12-1 Is it Alzheimers?

1-1:30 Preventative Medicine for Seniors

1:30-2 Meet the Mayor and Chief of Police.

2-3 Advances in Joint Replacement Surgery

2-4 Ask the Doctor (General Questions & Advance Directives)

3-4 Bingo

Free Screenings: Blood Pressure Screening, Diabetes Screening, Cholesterol Screening

Free Tests: Pulmonary Function Tests, Glaucoma Tests

Inherit the Wind at Northlight Theatre

The 32nd season opens with Inherit the Wind at Northlight Theatre on October 4 through November 12, 2006 at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts. This is the powerful and timely play from the famous Scopes trial with celebrities Clarence Darrow and Williams Jennings Bryan.

The director is Jessica Thebus and the play stars Joe Dempsey, Erica Elam, Fran Guinan and others. Tickets are $34-$56 and available at the box office. Call 847-673-6300. There are various curtain times.

Photos: Evergreen Park boys and girls at US Cellular Field in an outing with the EP Youth Commission.

Evergreen Park Youth Commission news

by Jim Feltz (Director)

With summer winding down and the kids eager to return to school, the Evergreen Park Youth Commission ran three mini-bus trips to Space Mini-Golf in Orland Park, Tinley Park Roller Rink and a Tour of White Sox Park.

The kids said this Sox Tour was the best as they were escorted from "Ozzie's" interview room to the Stadium Club, then to the Announcer's Booth and down to the playing field where they sat in the White Sox Dugout and finished up in the Sox Bullpen. The 1/1/2 hour tour was both fun and very informative indicated the children.

Oak Lawn Community Church is looking for clothing sellers

The Oak Lawn Community Church, 9000 S. Ridgeland, is looking for clothing sellers for their Fall and Winter Children's Clothing Resale on October 21, 2006 from 8-11am. They will accept 50 sellers on a first come first serve basis. To be able to pre-shop on Friday, before the sale, you can do so by donating 3-9 hours of time by helping with sale before, during or after for breakdown.

There is a$5 registration fee which $3 will be refunded if you work from 11-12pm after the sale. The seller receives 70% of their sales. Only fall and winter items accepted. Also accepted are maternity clothes, baby furniture, equipment and toys. For information, call 708-599-4025 or stop at the office Tuesday-Thursday 12 to 2:30pm. Wednesday and Thursday the office is open at 9am.

Fall Arts and Crafts Fair at OLCHS

The Fall Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by the Oak Lawn Community High School PTSA will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 10an to 3pm at the school 94th and Southwest Highway. Unique handmade items from many area exhibitors will be displayed. Admission is free.

New this year will be a Vendors Showcase featuring independent representatives from companies such as Pampered Chef, Party Lite Candles, Homemade Gourmet, etc. There is also a creative activity area and the Crafty Diner will be serving soup, hot beef, sloppy joes and much more. Local crafters are encouraged calling as some booths are available. The number for PTSA is 708-424-5200 ex 5767.

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Oak Lawn enacts Trick or Treating hours

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance at the Oct. 10, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting amending a chapter and adding a new section of the village code regarding Trick or Treating. The hours for trick or treating are now 3:00 p.m. to 8p.m. If Halloween, however, falls on a Saturday or Sunday the hours then are 2:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. The ordinance also states that it shall be unlawful for anyone to trick or treat at any time other than Halloween day, Oct 31. It shall be the parent's responsibility for their children's compliance.

A request for a two lot subdivision along with variances at 7121 W. 93rd Street was approved as well as an ordinance for the following variances: A reduction in the 5 foot minimum required landscape setback, parking stall length reduction from 20 to 18 feet and driveway aisle width from 24 to 22.5 feet for lots 2 and 3 for a proposed medical building to be constructed in the Fasel-Campbell subdivision at 10737 S. Cicero Avenue. An ordinance for landscaping and setback variations at 5020 W. 95th Street for a retail development at the former site of the Mitsubishi automobile dealer was also approved.

The board approved the following traffic regulation signage: No parking signs on the north side of 99th Street between Southwest Highway and Merton Avenue and either side of the driveway on the west side of Oak Park Avenue at approximately 94th Street. Stop signs on north and south bound traffic on Kostner Avenue at 94th Street, with the stipulation that the signs may be removed upon a finding of the Traffic Review committee that the signs are creating traffic backups into 95th and 93rd Streets and residential permit parking only signs during school hours on the east and west sides of Georgia Lane, between 107th and 108th Streets and on 107th Street between Georgia Lane and Long Avenue.

Early voting for the November 7, election will commence on Oct. 16 to Nov. 2. In person absentee voting shall only take place on Nov 3 - 6 at Cook County Court House and the Cook County Clerks office at 69 W. Washington Street. Absentee ballot applications are available in the Clerk's office. The application must be mailed into the Cook County Clerk's office when completed. It must also be received no later than five days prior to the election. The next meeting is October 24.

Evergreen Park approves property purchase

by Matt Mayer

The board approved an ordinance at the Oct. 2, Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting which approved an agreement for the purchase of property at 3720 W. 95th Street. The former Frank's Nursery and Crafts, is located within the 95th Street tax increment redevelopment project area. An ordinance providing for the acquisition of this property was approved at the May 15 board meeting.

Other highlights; Village Clerk Kathy Aparo, Trustee Jerry Bosh and Village Engineer Tim Klass along with Bill Bodgan of Secretary of State Jesse White's office and Vicky Mautino of Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office worked to create a seminar on accessibility for disabled individuals in accordance with American Disability Act (ADA)

The three village officials helped create a seminar in accordance with the ADA which address's access accessibility for disabled individuals from the planning stage through the final completion. Mayor James Sexton has received a number of positive comments regarding the village's input for this seminar.

The board approved the following business license requests: The Regional Fair Housing Center for housing counseling at 9730 S. Western Ave, Suite 502; His Properties, Inc for property inspection, at 9500 S. Avers Avenues and 4 Sale Realty for real-estate transactions at the same location. The village has a newly appointed Public Relations Officer Mary Keane - she may be reached at 422-1551 for information regarding social and political events. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will be held at the Midlothian METRA Train station's south parking lot at 147th Place and Waverly Avenue. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the MWRD at 312.751.6633.

Standing Left to Right: Marcella Zitzka, Miriam Calzaretta, Clariese Gin, Nell Sutkus, Shirley Ulaszek, Betty Dragosavich, and Sabina Florek. Seated: Josephine Walsh and Vera Brown

Oak Lawn Senior Happenings

As everyone knows, volunteers are a vital part of everyday life for so many. They're at schools, churches, social service organizations and yes, here at the Oak Lawn Senior Center. They are a the Center to set up for card games, movies, the Rummage Sale, the Council Picnic and many other events. But at this time, we would like to thank and honor our Friday morning group of ladies who call themselves "The Cutups". Faithfully they meet to make what we now call the "oops pads". Out of old fabric, such as towels, sheets, mattress pads, and with newspapers, wax paper and masking tape, they assemble a pad that may used on a chair or in bed for those unsure or unable to use the bathroom. That word "incont" seems so cruel, ergo, "oops". They work on the same concept as the costly store bought ones. The pads are available for anyone in need.

Another thanks should go out to Senior Center Liaison Bob Sobczak who with a little leg work has located and delivers to two groups of very appreciative people. The folks at Little Company of Mary Home Health Care and their hospice group use the "oops" pads for their patients.

Donations from the community of sheets, mattress pads, and towels will enable the work to continue. You may drop off your donations at the Senior Center, 53330 West 95th St.

So once again, let's give up a big thanks to the Friday morning "Cutups".

Oak Lawn High School offer senior citizens classes

Oak Lawn High School is offering basic computer classes to senior citizens. The classes can be taken separately for $10.00 each or $25.00 for all three classes. The classes include: Introduction to the Microsoft Windows Environment on Tuesday, November 7, 2006; Introduction to Microsoft Word on Tuesday, November 14, 2006; and Introduction to Internet Explorer and E-mail on Tuesday, November 21, 2006.

The classes are scheduled in the OLCHS Media Center from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each week. Event fliers are available from the school's website, www.olchs.org, or by contacting Joseph McCurdy, Assistant Principal, at 708/741-5614.

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Julie Barker called to tell us that with only two classified ads, she had rented a room in her home and the renter saw it in our paper.

One of the dog owners in the Pet Rainbow Therapy program, Cathy, reports that because of the publicity in the Village View News, their latest class was filled quickly and they have a waiting list for the next class so the fourth class will start immediately.

The Pet Rainbow Therapy programs involves a dog and owner who have training to minister to handicapped children and others who benefit from pet interaction. They are present at Christ Advocate Hope Children's Hospital and at Little Company of Mary Hospital along with other assignments.

At the Menard Center, 5800 W 90th St. in Oak Lawn "Dog Obedience Classes" are held. Dogs are taught to sit, stay, heel and come when they are called. Some classes include a discussion time. A choke collar and a six- foot lead are required for the first class.

Classes begin Wednesday, October 18-December 13 at 6:30 and 7:30pm.. A Tuesday class begins October 31-December 19.at 10-11am. These are classes for a dog 6 month and older. The instructors are Marie Thomas and Marilyn Armstrong.

McAuley tudents Help at Harmony Hope and Healing

Student Service Director, Mary Claire Lynch and students from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School have found a great way to spend their Thursday afternoons. The group lends a hand at Harmony Hope and Healing, a creative music program that offers dignity and spiritual healing to the homeless and underserved in the Chicago area. The program is located at the Institute of Women in Chicago, a transitional shelter for women and children and a drop-in center for seniors.

Margaret O'Connell Nykaza, a graduate of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, is the founder and Executive Director of Harmony, Hope and Healing. The program provides enrichment opportunities for over 700 adults, children and seniors annually.

McAuley students help at the Institute of Women as part of the service requirement but keep coming back because of the joy they experience working with the choir.

Harmony, Hope and Healing's Executive Director Marge Nykaza (Evergreen Park) with McAuley students Jade Jaramillo(Chgo., Archer Hgts), Molly Sullivan (Evergreen Park), Carolyn Shotas (Oak Lawn) Anastasia Bell (Chgo., Ashburn) and Teresa LeCompte, Theology Chairperson (Oak Lawn).

Blue Cap Plans New Play-ground

Blue Cap staff and students are celebrating plans to build an accessible playground on the grounds of the Instructional Center. For more than two years the agency worked to secure the funding to build the facility.

The final pieces of the puzzle are in place now that organizations and generous individuals have pledged their support to the project. Ronald McDonald Charities visited the playground site on Monday, September 25th for a check presentation of more than $15,000. "Blue Cap's work really mirrors our mission," says Jill Sterling Director of Grants and Scholarships for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicago and NW Indiana.

"The playground project is a special need and our mission is providing those critical and vital needs to support the well-being of children in Chicago." Ronald McDonald House Charities, Andrew Family Foundation, and longtime supporter Margurict Bobb are the major donors making the playground possible. Other donors include Colonel Stanley R. McNeil Foundation, FireWorks for Kids Foundation, WNUA Cares for Kids Charities and Iron Warriors Motorcycle Club. The playground project is important to Blue Cap students for many reasons.

Currently, any time teachers want to take children in wheelchairs to a playground, they have to leave the school and walk about five blocks to Centennial Park . Every child in a wheelchair needs someone to push them all the way making the trek cumbersome.

The new playground will be on the north side of the school in the gated area facing Broadway. "We'll be able to go to the playground more often when it's on school grounds," says Blue Cap High School Teacher Patti Kuehner. "There, students expand their physical skills and learn concepts like cause and effect through play."

Research shows that recreation enhances children's cognitive and motor skills, language development and social competence especially for children with developmental challenges. It is essential for children with developmental disabilities to have recreational opportunities to help them reach their highest potential.

"My student Samauria is just learning how to play with toys and manipulate her environment," says Keuhner. "Activities like swinging on a swing or sliding down a slide are extremely beneficial providing her with lots of stimulation and interaction with her environment." Many of the children at the Instructional Center use wheelchairs or face other physical challenges, but their opportunities for outdoor play are often limited by the lack of accessible equipment.

The new playground at Blue Cap will include adaptive swings in several sizes to accommodate children ages 3 to 21, including aluminum platform swings for those in wheelchairs. Swinging helps children develop stronger muscles and gross motor skills, and it can provide necessary vestibular stimulation, which helps improve balance, posture and coordination.

The area will also include accessible in-ground tables and mini shelters for children who cannot handle long periods in the sun due to medical conditions.

Activity on a playground develops children's physical and social skills helping them gain confidence and independence as they learn. Providing the playground is another way Blue Cap is accomplishing its mission; helping individuals with developmental disabilities achieve personal growth and dignity.

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LSVT with extensive clinical research proved to be effective in speech therapy in a four-week program. Approximately 89% of individuals with Parkinson's disease exhibit slurred speech and are not aware of the problem and complain that their listeners have a problem.

Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center has speech-language pathologists certified in LSVT at its three facilities in Homewood, Palos Hills and Romeoville. For more information about LSVT or to schedule an appointment, please contact Kelly Lynch, speech-language pathologist, at 708-599-9500.

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Jim Denver, John Schroll Little Company of Mary Food and nutrition Services, Sandy Brandon, Sysco Foods and Colin Walsh, Coin Café took part in the Little Company Golf Outing supported Maternal Child Services

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At the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Golf Outing recently that supported Maternal Child Services, 145 golfers enjoyed a buffet lunch, beverages, dinner and games on the course. The champions were Keith Holland, Tim Boyce, Jerry Hughes and Steve Holtz from Block Electric. Sheila Adams from Mother/Baby department won split the pot, Sandy Brandon won women's closest to the pin and Mary O'Connell won longest drive. Allan Binette from Trace Ambulance won closest to the pin and longest drive for men.

The day was a fantastic success made by volunteers and the committee. The Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation is most grateful for everyone's participation that benefit LCM's maternal Child Services.

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Traditionally long cathedral veils are with long trains. If you have sweep train or waltz length, you will want a fingertip veil, or one that touches the floor.

Your wedding is the most important day of your life. Make it special. Be Happy! Best Wishes! Carlene O'Connor

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South Suburban College Foundation seeks funding

The South Suburban College Foundation (SSCF) has initiated their 2006 Donor Drive and is seeking donations through the end of the year. The Foundation seeks funding to improve educational opportunities for students with a primary focus on academic scholarships. Individuals can donate to the General scholarship Fund or can sponsor their own personal or memorial scholarship with a donation of $750 or more.

The SSCF has now awarded over $600,000 in academic scholarships to date. For more information or to contribute to the 2006 Donor Drive, contact Patrick Rush, Interim Executive Director, at 708-210-5719.

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Polish Museum holds benefit

The Polish Museum of America (PMA) located 984 N. Milwaukee Chicago, will have a benefit to honor its third class of Life members. The theme this year is "The Artistic Treasures of the PMA" that includes the Museum's artwork and folk art.

The Benefit Event's purposes are to acknowledge those individuals, couples, organizations who have donated to the Museum and raise funds for maintaining Administrative costs. For information, call 773-782-2720.

Oak Lawn Library hosts lecture on Chinese Medicine

The Oak Lawn Public Library, 5300 W 95th St. will host a free educational lecture on traditional Chinese Medicine, at 7pm on Wednesday October 25. Learn the history of Chinese medicine, its guiding principles and how it is used today as a stand alone therapy and to compliment other medical doctrines.

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Oak Lawn Library children and teen programs

The Oak Lawn Library will host a Teen Game Night 7-8pm on Wednesday, October 18 for students in grade six to ten. Participants are invited to compete in a Dance Revolution Tournament and bring their favorite board or card games. Students in grade 6 and up are invited to join the Teen Advisory Board and advise the library on how it can serve that age group. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 25 at 7-8pm.

Registration for fall programs opens October 21 for children and teen programs. Early registration is encouraged. Some of the programs are a weekly storytime for children age six month through second grade, a Chess Club open to all ages, a mother/daughter book club for 3rd to 5th graders, Guys Read for boys 3rd to 5th grade, a not so scary Halloween party with crafts, games and treats for kids 2 to 7.

Seated: Kathleen Guzauskas, Cicero, Ceil Matul, Co-Chair/Pres., Orland Park, Frances Simanonis, Oak Lawn, Standing: Irene Norbut, Palos Hills, Ruth Hoffman, Palos Hills, Nijole Kaveckas, Oak Lawn, Genevieve Maluska, Palos Park, Co-Chair, Jacqueline Kuehl, Lemont; Elena Cizinauskas, Orland Park; Mary Krauchunas, Chicago (Edgebrook); Birute Zalatorius, Cicero

Lithuanian Women benefit

Island costumes and dances are featured at The Royal Polynesians at the benefit fund-raiser lunchcon of the Chicago Lithuanian Women Club. The entertaining program benefits the Club's Philanthropic Fund, which after 83 years continues to support worthy causes. Call Irene at 708-974-2946 for information.

SWSRA holds fund-raisers

The Southwest Special Recreation Association (SWSRA), an agency that provides programs for individuals with disabilities in Alsip, Blue island, Justice, Merrionette Park, Midlothian, Palos Heights, Posen, Summit and surrounding communities is holding a Candlelight Bowl Fund-raiser. It is on Saturday, November 4, 2006 at the Orland Bowl, 8601 W. 159th St. Orland Park at 9:30pm. Purchase tickets early as we will sell out. Call SWSRA at 708-389-9423 for tickets that are $25 per person for the event.

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Jacki Mari & Alyn

Physic Predictions

For all Signs for October 17th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com & AstroXtras* & visit *JackiMari.Com*

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Go full force against the negative people and things that need challenging. You'll get a fresh new lease on life. R aids.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: This is not a good week to spend for things you really don't need. Remember the story of Joseph!

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: You seem to be able to project yourself into other people's dreams. Far better to meet them head-on.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Being "frugal" does not mean that you must deny yourself some of the little pleasures of life. Ask M.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: You may have psychic dreams this week. Pay attention and write them down. S and R aid.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: You can help others from wherever you are at any given time. But speak up and tell of your own needs!

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: It is not how big a diamond is but that it is complete no matter what its size. Apply this to yourself this week.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Two things that need your attention this week are housing and compatibility. A big winning for some.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: It would be helpful if "you" could see into the best of you which is always yet to come. Let your light shine brighter.

Have a Psychic Session with me, or Hypnotherapy, or Psychic Counseling; for 1 or 2 questions online go to ***ePSYCHICanswers*** at ***JackiMari.Com;*** Psychic House Parties [Host/Hostess can be free]. Call **708-597-5866**. ***Open discussion*** on ***All Things Paranormal*** at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] 7pm Oct 18th; mini-sessions Oct 23rd. Mini-Sessions at ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] 10-16 from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. *"Telafriend"* I'm at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Available for speaking engagements.

Psychic Insights
Questions and Psychic Answers
Our World In Chaos

"Our world is in chaos because of the Hate & Anger many people have stored up inside them. They infect others with it. They become contagious & they spread," says Phil. Phil is right about what "collected anger" can do. Many people are being senselessly killed, children starving the world over & kids being born into AIDS. Threat of using nuclear action against innocent people is also a form of "Extortion" [the necessary ingredient of terrorism]. "Chaos" or a world going nuts, which is it?" One effective way to deal with terrorism is for everyone to use their psychic ability like a mirror and reflect hate, anger & all else that is evil back to those who send it. Network this idea!

Jacki Mari & Alyn

News from McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post 177 VFW Men's Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. are calling all available crafters for the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 8am to 2pm. For an 8- foot table cost is $10. Call Pat Sheppard at 708-636-3220 or Tom Lysik at 708-424-4910 to reserve a table or has any questions.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW, Post 177 will be holding a "Wendy's Nite" on Wednesday, November 22 at 79th Harlem from 5-8pm. Bring the family for dinner and at the same time support a poast fundraiser. Call Pat for more information.

Evergreens meet first Wednesday monthly

The Evergreens, a social club, meet the first Wednesday of the month in the auditorium of the HB Maher Community Center, 3450 W 97th St in Evergreen Park. New members are always welcome. Annual dues are $4. For refreshments there is a charge of $1.25 at the meeting. Don't forget the Christmas Party on December 6.

Meals on Wheels for Evergreen Park residents

Meals on Wheels for Evergreen Park residents (60 and over, who are unable to prepare meals in their home) is available through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of Senior Citizens (OCS) and Little company of Mary Hospital. Meals are delivered between 11:30am-and noon on Monday through Friday. One meal is hot for lunch and the other cold for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, call Jolene at OCS 708-422-8776. If you know anyone who could benefit from the program, please inform them of the program.

News Evergreen Park Youth Commission

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission's annual "Coat Drive' runs from October through November 30, 2006. You may bring all winter coats, jackets and sweaters that are clean and in good condition to the Community Center, 3450 w 97th St in room 105 any Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm. All items will be given to needy organizations in the Southwest suburbs.

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission will be going on their scary bus trip to "Fright Fest" at Great America on Saturday, October 28, 2006 with the bus leaving at 9:30am and returning around 11:30pm bewitching time. The cost is $45. Call 708-229-3377.

Residents of Evergreen Park who need help with raking leaves or shoveling snow during the winter are asked to call the Evergreen Park Youth Commission. They have kids available to do work for you, while making some spending money. Call the above number.

Holiday craft bazaar at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W 95th Street, will hold their Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, from 9am to 3pm. Over 30 crafters and vendors will be showing their wares. Homemade bakery goods for sale, Penny Social table raffles, lunch served all day. Admission is free. Bring a friend. Call Grace for information at 708-423-6378.

Oak Lawn Library hosts Opera lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library hosts an Opera lecture on "Salome" on Sunday, October 22 at 1:30pm. First come-first seated in the lower level meeting room. A member of the lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer, Richard Strauss and play musical selections. Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor the program. It is located 5300 W 95th St .For information, call 708-422-4990.

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

MAIZY

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by Kathy Whirity

With the happy couple recently celebrating their third month of wedded bliss, we've been enjoying the process of watching as Jaime and Dan settle into married life.

It's only natural that their new life together also brings about the blessing of new adventures as the newlyweds make their home together.

Another natural response, following the nuptials, is the comments from family and friends ,who assure us that the real fun starts when the pitter-patter of tiny feet, belonging to grandchildren, step into our lives.

Grand-kids, I know, are not in their immediate family plans. Jaime's focus is on getting her nursing degree but being a mommy will come when the time is right.

Still it wasn't long after the honeymoon when an announcement, of sorts, came.

"Mom, Dan and I are looking for a puppy." "A puppy?", thought this grandma in waiting."Guess they have to start somewhere." And so the search was on. They looked online, they searched the classifieds, and they window shopped at pet stores. It wasn't long and they found the perfect puppy for them - a cute black and white Border Collie mix. Maizy is officially the newest member of our family.

Just like an infant, this hyper bundle of pure puppy spent the first week or so keeping her new masters awake til the wee hours of the morning. They take turns tending to her needs - feeding her,walking her, and keeping her safe.

The newly decorated condo has teething toys sprawled all over the living room floor - available distractions from electrical cords and woodwork that may otherwise be chewed.

It's funny how their new pet has affected us. This pampered pooch definitely has preferential treatment while visiting us. I found this out the day Maizy first came to visit and we discovered she would not do her duty in the backyard.

For years, our yard has been cemented so, our own dogs had no choice but to pee and poop on the pavement. Little Miss Maizy, on the other hand, would not go with the flow. She needed grass to 'go.'

Bill didn't even mind that Maizy would only do her business on his immaculately manicured lawn. The sight of those tell tale brown spots use to make him curse the neighborhood canines that dared to squat on his carpet smooth sod. Now that Maizy's here, it's only grass that will eventually grow back.

Is a grand-pup a prelude to grand-parenthood?

I use to laugh when I'd notice someone wearing a tee-shirt proudly proclaiming - "My Grandchild Is A Dog!" I can tell you that you'll never catch me wearing those silly shirts, but I have made a list.

We'll need dog bowls and puppy chow for our house.

A cage we spied at Wal-Mart would fit nicely in the corner of my office ; her own personal space when granny dear needs a break.

Oh, and let's not forget some squeaky toys, a new raw hide bone, and some mini dog bone treats.

Oh what fun when the pitter-patter of paw prints are welcomed into the family!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

If you want your life to be more rewarding, you have to change the way you think. (Oprah Winfrey.)

Mt Zion in Oak Lawn seeks crafters

Mt Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church is seeking crafters for their Arts and Crafts Fair to be held on November 4, 2006 from 9am to 4pm. The fair will be held in the church, located at 10400 S. Kostner Ave in Oak Lawn. Table rental is $25. Call 773-238-6501 for Ruth Peterson for applications and information.

Benefit to support Holy Family food pantry

Holy Family Parish in Chicago at 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd. is having an Annual Founders' Award/ Masquerade Dinner Dance. The benefit will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at 5 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m with reception at 7:00 p.m. and dinner in the restored Damen Hall. The benefit will help the 150-year-old parish's food pantry, community outreach & service programs. Tickets are $100 per person.

For more information contact the parish office at 1019 S. May St., Chicago, 60607or visit the website wwwholyfamilychurchchicago.info

One of the homes decorated already for Halloween. Photo by Annette Dixon

Just a beginning for Halloween

Recently in Evergreen Park, the residents started to decorate their home for Halloween. East of California on, 98th Place, Joeand Heather Skoirchet started to decorate. They have Dr. Hyde working in the lab, surely Frankenstein is somewhere to be found.

Joe said he has grown up in this home and goes all out for the holidays and fun days of the year. I wonder what he has planned when the Bears win the superbowl.

United Methodist Church Worth holds Haunted House

The Youth Group of the United Methodist Church Worth will hold the 2006 Haunted House beginning on Friday, October 20, and on the 21,27 and 28 from 7-11pm and from 7-10 on October 22, 29, 30 and 31..

Admission is $6 per person. There is a Special Children Haunted house on Sunday, October 29 from 1-4pm. Refreshments are available for purchase. For more information, call 708-448-6682.

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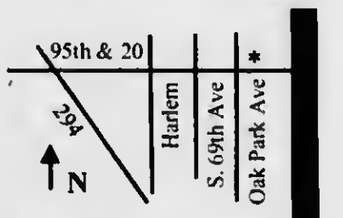

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Three Mo Tenors to cross eight musical genres during Moraine Valley show

Where else can the versatile sounds of Usher, Pavarotti, Sondheim, and Marvin Gaye be heard coming from the same vocal chords than at a Three Mo' Tenors performance? This impressive musical trio will grace the stage in the Dorothy Menker Theater in Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, on Friday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $40 for adults and $35 for students and seniors.

Three Mo' Tenors, conceived, directed and choreographed by Marion J. Caffey and produced by Willette Murphy Klausner, take their audience on a passionate musical journey spanning 400 years of operatic, jazz, gospel, soul, spiritual, new school, Broadway and blues music in one evening. The tenors have developed a rousing musical repertoire demonstrating extraordinary breadth, and through song and explosive choreography, elevate the stature of African-American tenors in the music world. The audience will enjoy hits such as *Love Train*, *Midnight Train to Georgia* and Verdi's *La donna e mobile*.

Because of the exceptional vocal demands of the show, two equally exceptional casts alternate performances. The tenors featured at the Moraine Valley show will be Kenneth D. Alston, Jr., Ramone Diggs and Phumzile Sojola. Their impressive, combined resumé includes numerous operatic roles with the Opera Company of Philadelphia, Boston Modern Opera Project, Opera Theater of Pittsburgh, and Music Academy of the West, to name a few. They also boast individual accomplishments such as performing at the 2004 Republican National Convention and Rosa Parks' historic lying in state and with the Lexington Philharmonic, Knoxville Symphony, Bach Choir of Pittsburgh, and American Spiritual Ensemble.

Three Mo' Tenors opened in New York City to critical and audience acclaim in August 2000. It is conceived, directed and choreographed by Marion J. Caffey, a former song and dance performer turned writer and director. His first writing effort, *Cookin' at the Cookery*, has played more than 35 productions and was the *New York Times* critic's choice as best musical of 2003. He has directed or choreographed at least 15 other productions.

Klausner, a woman with substantial business acumen who is passionate about the arts, has produced the show since 2001. Formerly vice president of Marketing and Marketing Research at MCA Universal Studios, she has produced five shows in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, and on Broadway. She serves on various boards of directors and committees and with her attorney husband are the founding members of the American Institute of Wine and Food.

The show's notable performances include the White House, J.F. Kennedy Center, the NAACP Image Awards Show, and a PBS "Great Performances" special. RCA has released a recording of the show.

This performance is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Moraine Valley Box Office at (708) 974-5500. Phone orders are subject to a $1 per order handling fee. To learn more about future shows at the Fine and Performing Arts Center, visit *morainevalley.edu/fpac*.

St Laurence Viking Pride set for November 11

St Laurence High School, Burbank, Viking Pride Dinner is set for Saturday, November 11 starting at 6:30pm in the school lunchroom. It is a celebration of St Laurence alumni history and will have ten deserving men into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

The honorees are: Dennis Willis (71), Edward Kruszka (77), William Baier (77), John Ewald (78), Peter Grogan (78), James Cesario (79), Michael Mc Quinn (80), David Payton (83), Kevin Bracken (90) and Ronald Rojas (91).

The program also includes a tribute to the 1976 State football champions, celebrating the 30th anniversary. They won the Catholic League Championship, going 13-0 and outscoring opponents by 272 points. They won the 5A title that year and were number 2 in the national polls.

Tickets to the event are $50 per person. Contact Joe Faber in the Alumni Office at 708-458-6900 ex 253 during regular school hours.

Healthcare Professionals Gain Insight into Electronic Health Records at Forum

Regina Greer-Smith, MPH CHE, President of HealthCare Research Associates hosted a forum for healthcare professionals on Monday, September 18, at the IBM Innovations Center located at the Hyatt Center in Chicago, Illinois.

Over sixty healthcare professionals and participants spent the day learning and sharing best practices, issues on patient safety and privacy and initiatives in the planning, implementation, and use of electronic health records in healthcare delivery and gained knowledge of the current initiatives of the Illinois Electronic Health Records Task Force.

Guest speakers included Jonathan A. Handler, M.D. FACEP, Clinical Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Northwestern University; Leonard Lamkin, MPA, Executive Director, Chicago Patient Safety Forum; Jonathan Dopkeen, Ph.D., Assistant Director, Illinois Department of Public Health; Angel Evans, MS Clinical Informatics Coach, Northwestern Memorial Hospital; Roger LaHayen, MBA, CPA, Clinical Informatics Coach, Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Guido Corono, IBM Human Abilities & Accessibility Center.

Participants learned first-hand how electronic health records are transforming the healthcare delivery system for both consumers and providers, along with strategies used to design and implement them in both the public/private healthcare sectors. According to Greer-Smith, "The event received tremendous praise from those who attended, many of whom took the time to extend their personal appreciation for the wealth of information, implementation strategies and solutions they received from the forum."

HealthCare Research Associates is a consulting firm located in the Chicago metropolitan area that specializes in Electronic Medical Records (EMR), Technology Convergence, Regional Health Information Networks (RHIN) and Network Infrastructure Consulting. For information on the solutions offered by HealthCare Research Associates to healthcare systems, public health agencies and community health organizations, you may contact us at (708) 335-0519 or on the web at www.hra-health-it.com.

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The American Lung Association will administer flu shots ($20/free for seniors with Medicare Part B cards) and pneumonia shots for $40. Ingalls Hospital will provide various blood tests for a nominal fee. Representatives from Blue Cross, Social Security, Christ Hospital, St. James Diabetes Center, Access to Care, Catholic Charities, Home Instead, Midlothian Police & Fire Departments, Commissioner Murphy's Office, the State Treasurer's Cash-Dash Program, plus many, many others will be available to assist you and your family and answer questions. This is a family event with something for everyone. Admission is free. For further information, please call 389-0200.

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McAuley High School announces 2007 commended students

Sister Rose Wiorek, RSM., president/principal of Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School, announced that seniors Jacqueline M. Bilder (Palos Heights), Julia K. Carey (West Beverly), Diana R. Lorenzini (Palos Heights), Joanna M. Matuszkiewicz (Archer Heights) , and Heather O'Donnell (Midlothian) have been named as Commended Students in the 2007 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation will be presented by the principal to these scholastically talented seniors.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships that began in 1955.

The Commended Students are among 34,000 high school seniors nationwide who have been recognized for placing in the top five percent of the 1.4 million students who elected to take the 2005 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Moraine Valley hosts "In the Throes of Being" exhibit by Mary Porterfield

"In the Throes of Being," an exhibit by local artist Mary Porterfield, will show October 13-November 17 in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery , in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy. , Palos Hills . An artist's reception will be held October 19 at 2 p.m.

Porterfield's work is influenced by her experience as an occupational therapist to individuals with Alzheimer's disease. She uses space consisting of multiple, altered perspectives to represent a loss of familiarity and comfort. Visual metaphors, such as animals, represent the freedom and independence that are often lost with progressive memory loss. Figures and forms are repeated to demonstrate the blurring of time and the monotony of daily routines in institutionalized settings.

"Recently my work has become more personal, representing my own difficulty in letting go of the hardships of my patients," said Porterfield. "I now find myself exploring my own personal struggle to separate myself from the tragedies of my patients. I paint both what I fear and what I covet. In allowing my paintings to become more personal, I hope that they might become more universal."

Porterfield is an adjunct instructor at Northeastern Illinois University and the Harrington School of Design, both in Chicago . She earned a Master in Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University .

She also studied figure drawing and painting at St. Louis Community College , drawing and painting at the St. Louis Artist's Guild, and art history at St. Louis University.

Porterfield has shown her award-winning work in solo and group exhibitions around the country and has been published many times.

The Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery provides an opportunity to view locally and nationally recognized artists. Exhibits in the Art Gallery are free and available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and during most performances in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

For more information, call Meaghan Callan, the Gallery director, at (708) 608-4231, or visit morainevalley.edu/fpac.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

Earn college credit quickly in Moraine Valley short-term classes

Moraine Valley 's fall 2006 semester is underway, but short-term classes are just beginning. Register now for classes that start the weeks of October 9, 16, 23 and 30. Short-term classes usually last eight weeks, but can vary in length from three to 11 weeks. While classes meet fewer times, the same amount of material is covered as traditional 17-week classes.

The following course begins the week of October 9:

* Internet Basics

The following is a sample of courses that begin the week of October 16:

* Case Management
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* Math and Science for the Young Child
* College: Changes, Challenges, Choices
* Composition II
* Introduction to Criminal Justice
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* Principles of Macroeconomics
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* College: Changes, Challenges, Choices
* Speech Fundamentals
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Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy. , Palos Hills , or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556).

Patrick Lyons Memorial Benefit at Brother Rice set October 2

In July 1996, Patrick Lyons was tragically killed in a train accident. He attended St. Bernadette and Brother Rice.. A scholarship was initiated in his memory and to date 30 students who were in need of financial aid and met qualifications have received the Patrick Lyons Memorial Scholarship.

On Saturday, October 21 a Candlelight Bowl fundraiser will be at Bleekers Bowl, 3347 w 95th Evergreen Park to continue the memorial scholarship that aids Brother Rice students.

Admission is $30 per bowler and $25 for non-bowlers and includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, sweets, raffles and a silent auction. There is a cashbar. Sponsorships are available for $200. To help call Maureen Lyons at 708-424-0083 or Mike McShane at 773-429-4343..

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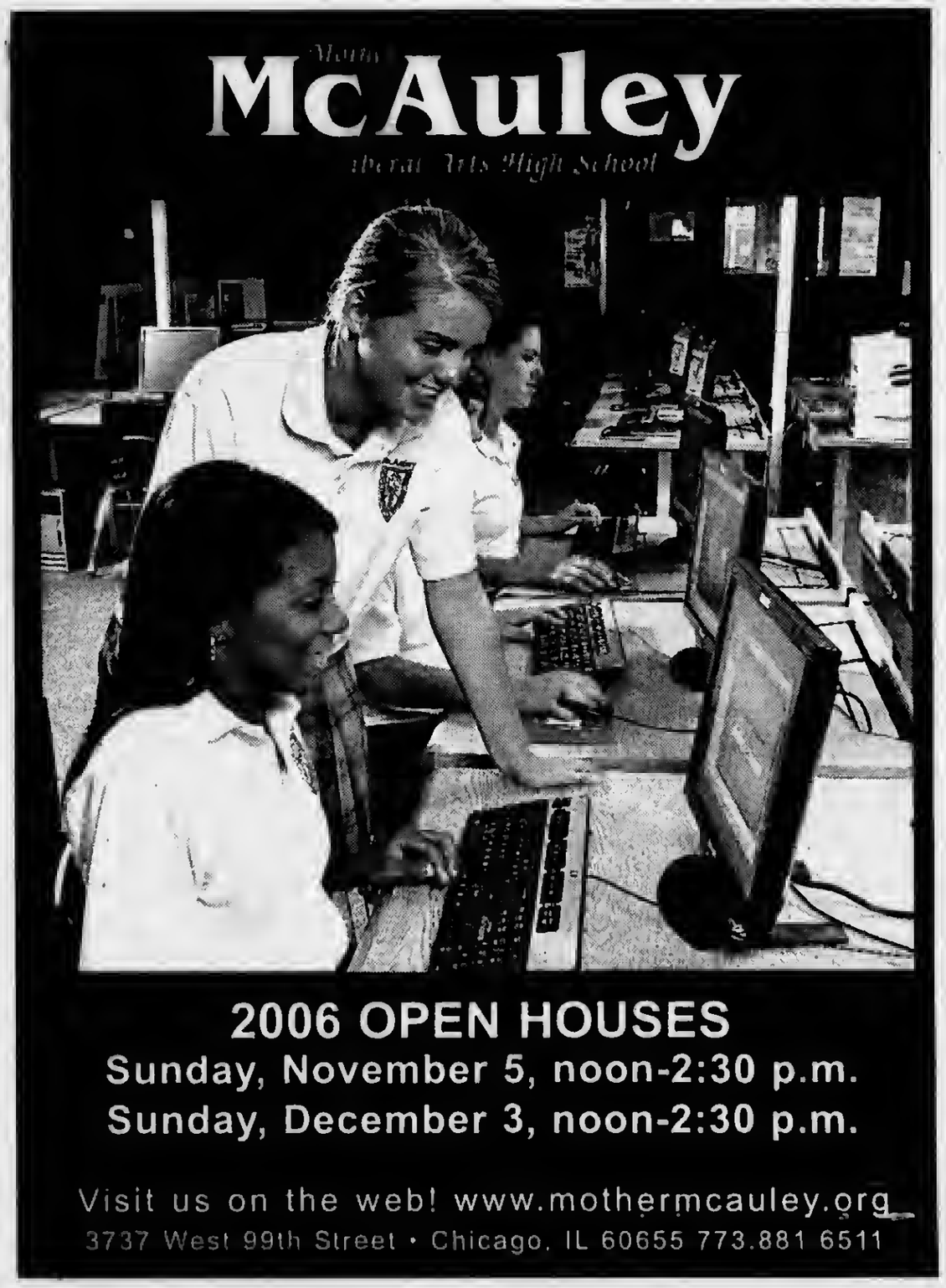


Joffrey's Cinderella is glorious and in drag

by Marijo Doody

The 50th Anniversary season continues with the Joffrey Ballet. The two step sisters in Joffrey's Cinderella stoled the show by being in drag and really funny. Former personalities, Christian Holder and Gary Chryst, have returned as guest artists this year. The actor-dancers dominated stages in the 60's and 70's and their comedic effects are awesome. Both were apprentices selected by Robert Joffrey in the late 60's. Since then they have done choreography and costume design. Holder and Chryst are brilliant in every step and gesture. The Stepsister roles are demanding and they are the life of the party.

Ballet is movement and human character. We don't see that in animated fairy tales. Ashton's full-length ballet with the glorious Prokofiev score is more lavish than the holiday production of "Nutcracker." With this production, Joffrey is the first American Company to dance the work that was created for the precursor of Britains' Royal Ballet in the 1940's and danced by famed Moira Shearer of "The Red Shoes."

The willowy Cinderella, played by technically brilliant Julianne Kepley, was commanding in her partnership with the Prince played by Michael Levine. Suzanne Lopez as the Fairy Godmother was ever so flowing in movements. The Fairy Seasons were exquisite and sensual in the variations danced by Allison Walsh, Christine Rocas, April Daly and Victoria Jaiani. The topsy- turvy leaps and spins by the Jester (John Gluckman) gave an appearance of having springs in his legs.

The corps de ballet showed in classical ballet Ashton's twists on staging with the females. It was beautifully complemented by the music played by the Chicago Sinfonietta conducted by Leslie B. Dunner. Former Royal Ballet dancer, Wendy Ellis Somes, did the staging.

David Walker's sets and costumes are awesome. The silvery pumpkin carriage with the white mice is really cool. Even though the ballet has closed in Chicago, perhaps it will go on tour.

Chicagoland Pops sets schedule

The Chicagoland Pops Orchestra of Rosemont sets its fall-winter schedule. The series opens up with A Symphonic Night at the Movies with "The Wizzard of Oz" on October 28, 2006 at 7pm. The evening will feature a Halloween Costume Contest judged by a local celebrity, for the most creative Oz attires prize is tickets to The Rockettes show in November at the Rosemont as well as a backstage tour and hotel stay.

Johnny Mathis comes in for a December Holiday 8pm show on the 16th. He is one of the most popular recording artists and has played to sold-out audiences around the world.

Spring -time on March 24, 2007 brings The Beach Boys in their first engagement with a full symphony orchestra at 8pm. They are members of Rock and Roll's hall of Fame and were honored at the 2001 Grammy Awards receiving The Lifetime Achievement Award

Judy Collins appears on May 11, 2007 at 8pm. Her career has a Grammy Award and spans 45 years in traditional folk music. The acclaimed Chicago Children's Choir will open the program.

Call the box office at 847-671-0300 for tickets. They run from $115-$225.per seat. The theatre box office is located 5400 N River Road and its hours are M-F 11am-7pm and Saturday from noon to 5pm.

Broadway in Chicago announces 2007 their new program

Broadway in Chicago announced the five productions for the 2007 series. They include Edward Albee's drama "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf", the classic Lerner and Loewe musical "Camelot", a musical based on Elizabeth Spencer's novel "The Light in the Piazza", "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" based on the film from 1988 and "Jersey Boys" the 2006 - Tony Award winner on the life and music of Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.

Subscription packages are $75-$430 and go on sale October 29.

For more information call 877-890-0174 or visit the web www.broadwayinchicago.com.

Friday night movie series at CSO

CSO kicks off the 2006-07 Friday Night at the Movies Series with comedy classics on October 27 at 8pm. It celebrates the best in film comedy from, yesterday and today, with selections including Charlie Chaplin's Easy Street and Buster Keaton's One Week along side a mini tribute to Mel Brooks and the Shanadelic suite from Austin Powers: International Man of mystery.

Ron Raines and star of TV's Guiding Light will join the orchestra for these performances with pianist Michael Motrtilla.. The Friday Night at the Movies Series features scores from Hollywood's hit movies, accompanied by film, still images and behind the scenes photos projected above the stage.

Richard Kaufman returns for the third year at the helm of the Friday Night at the Movies Series and he is a member of the music department at Metro- Goldwyn-Mayer Studios and oversees music for all MGM TV projects. He has conducted and coached film musie around the world including music of Alfred Newman and Victor Young.

Michael Motrtilla has composed more than 600 works for theater, film and dance. He served as company pianist and composer for choreographer Martha Graham and his works have been performed at the White House, Kennedy Center, Olympic Games Arts Festival and the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, as well as TV and radio worldwide.

Tickets are $30-$75 and can be purchased on Phone Charge at 312-294-3000 or at the Symphony Center.

Hubbard Street Dance II plays for children

by Marijo Doody

This past week many children got to enjoy and partake in the Hubbard Street Dance II for kids. The afternoon program featured the young dancers of the Company. They ranged from 21-25 years of age and could relate to children.

The first number on the program was A Work in Progress and the dancers jumped, twirled and leaped to the delight of the children. A number of children were called up to the stage and partook with the dancers and bowed at the end. It was great for them.

Hubbard Street Dance II, Artistic Director, Julie Nakagawa Bottcher, narrated the programming and introduced the participants. Unspoken Barrier was premiered with costumes. Hallaig a Chicago premier was choreographed by Hubbard Street ensemble member, Brian Enos. During the program, a child was invited up to the stage to work with the dancers with her ideas. A good time was had by all!

The ballet core, four men and four women were all featured in the finale. Afterwards, the dancers were on two levels in the lobby for an autograph and a photo shoot! Program notes showed the favorite subject in school of the dancers and they ranged from art, history, English, science and math. Dancers were from around the world.

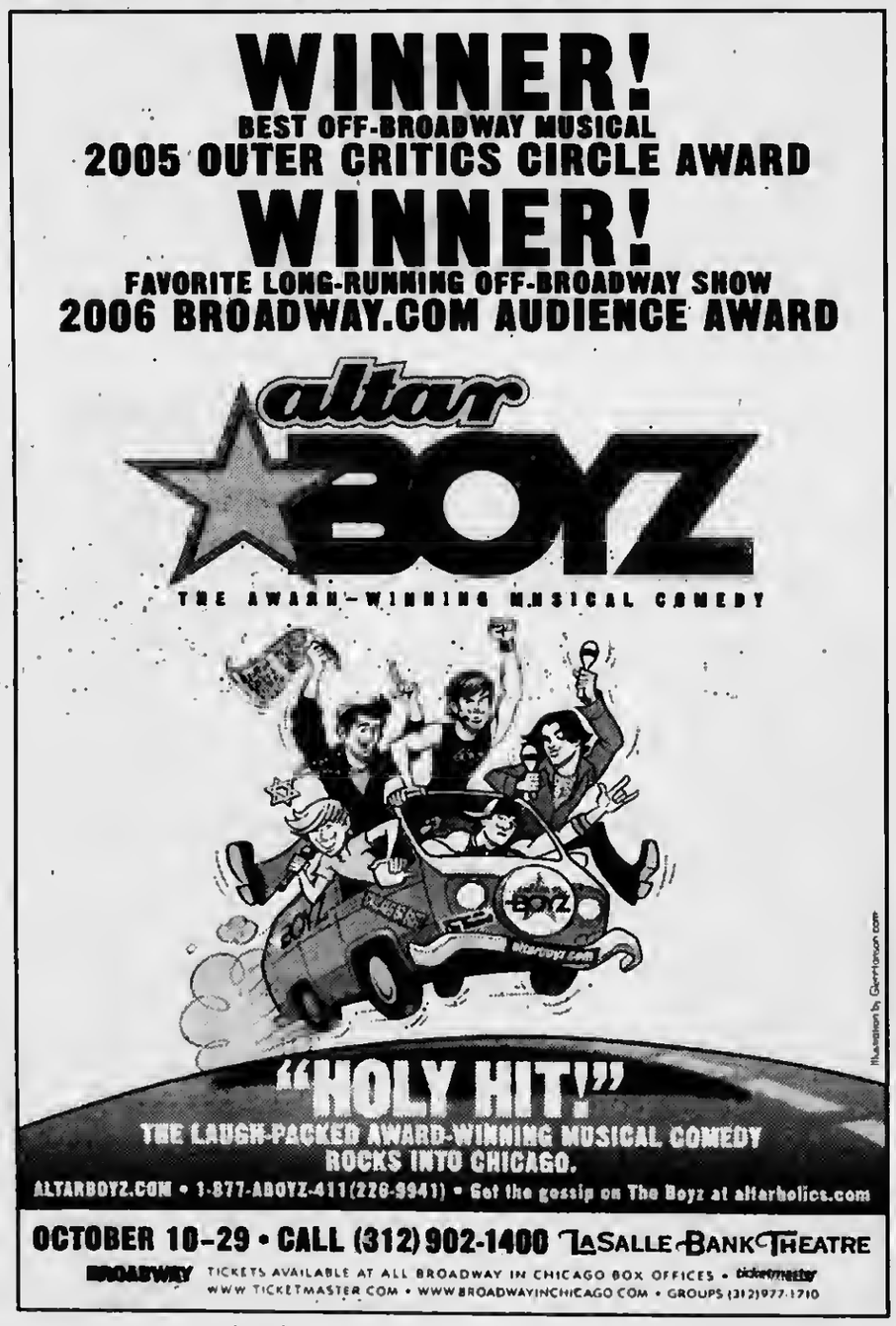
At the performance, there were as many girls as there were boys. Most of the young dancers started their lessons by the age of 8 or 9 and indicated it was their first love. All were very athletic!

Political Satire at GSU

The hilarious "Political Satire of the Capitol Steps" makes a timely return in this election year to the Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University on Saturday, October 21 at 8pm. The famous congressional staffers-turned comedians are known for parodying familiar figures through skits and songs. This year's multitalented cast includes 30 veteran members with backgrounds in politics, theatre, music and more. The Capitol Steps have recorded 26 albums, been featured on CBS, NBC, ABC, CNN and PBS.

Tickets for The Capitol Steps are $34-$43. Half-price tickets are available two hours prior to the show for one hour before the show space permitting. Call the center box office 708-235-2222.

The Center for the Performing Arts at Governors State University has free parking. It is located One University Parkway.



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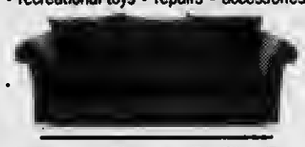

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Dedication of new church

The dedication of the new church addition to The Presbyterian Church in Orland Park will be Sunday, October 22nd at 13401 S. Wolf Road. The worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m., the dedication ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. in front of the addition followed by a BBQ luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

Dedication Chairman is Linda Kovois, Building Construction Supervisor is Bill Crabbe, The Pastor is Rev. Scott Estler. For more information regarding the dedication or services, please call William Smith 708-403-0804.

Oak Forest Senior Health Fair

There are health fairs and then there is the free Oak Forest Senior Health Fair on October 26 from 10:00 a.m until 2:00 p.m.

At the Oak Forest Park District Gym, 15601 S. Central Ave. Free to everyone including vendors. There are free screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure, prostate PSA, hearing and lunch. Flu and pneumonia shots will be available for $20 or if on medicare, bring your medicare cared and supplemental insurance card and no payment will be necessary up front.

The Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit will be located in the Board Room to renew drivers licenses and stickers. They can provide everything but a driving test.

The senior bus is available for door to door service and it is free. If there are questions, call 708-687-4050 ext. 1607

Murphy to address Golden Eagle Club

Commissioner Maureen Murphy, of the Cook Couty Board of Review will speak before the Golden Eagle Club Wednesday, October 25 at 10 a.m. in Prospect Federal Savings Bank, 11139 S. Harlem Ave., Worth.

In 1988, after serving four county agency that has a budget of over $7 million and approximately 130 employees.

The Commissioner was elected state representative from the 36th District in 1992. Her expertise in tax related legislation was recognized by speaker Lee Daniels, who named her to chair the powerful house Revenue Committee.

As chairman she spearheaded the Cook County Property Tax Cap Legislation. Maureen is the mother of four, including a set of twins.

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Crotty honored by Illinois Optometric Association

State Senator Maggie Crotty (D-Oak Forest) received the Legislator of the Year Award from the Illinois Optometric Association on Friday, September 29, 2006.

"I am honored to receive this award from the Illinois Optometric Association," said Senator Crotty. "Promoting good eyesight and good eye health has been a priority for me in the General Assembly. I am pleased that I could do this good work on behalf of the people of my district and the State of Illinois."

"This year's Legislator of the Year Award was given to Senator Crotty in recognition of her many years of support for optometrists and her dedication to the eye care needs of her constituents," said Mike Horstman, Executive Director of the Illinois Optometric Association.

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Orland Park adopts smoking ban

by Matt Mayer

The village board at the at the Oct 2, Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting approved an ordinance banning cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking in the village's restaurants and bars. The ban goes into effect Jan. 2,2007, and carries significant fines for violators. The Southwest Conference of Mayors President Jerry Bennett asked Trustee Kathy Fenton last spring to form a committee to explore the drafting of a smoking ordinance. Restaurants with outdoor seating are excepted; smoking, however, would need to be a minimum of 15 feet from the main entrance.

Nursing homes, hotel and motel rooms are also exempt when occupants request a room in which smoking is permitted. The ordinance also bans smoking in outdoor public areas such as baseball and soccer fields and parks. The village, however, will consider designated-smoking areas for outdoor events such as Orland Days and Taste of Orland Park.

Ordinance violation fines begin at $100 for the first offense and increase to $200 for three or more offenses. Businesses that don't enforce the ordinance will be fined $100 for the first offense, which can escalate to $2,500 for the third and subsequent violations along with the possibility of license suspension. Municipalities, which don't have an ordinance in effect by March 15, 2007, will have to adopt the Cook County smoking ban, which County Commissioners passed on March 15, 2006.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be held at the Midlothian Metra Train Station's south parking lot at 147th Place and Waverly Avenue. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the MWRD at 312.751.6633.

Tinley Park officials consider TIF expansion

by Matt Mayer

Tinley Park officials discussed a proposed expansion of the Main Street South Tax Incumbent Financing (TIF) district at a public hearing in the Village's Kallsen Center on Oct. 3. The Main Street South TIF district consists of 59.9 acres of property on the east and west sides of Oak Park Avenue. The current South Street project is slated to consist of two buildings, which would include 70 condominiums, underground parking and some 36,000 square feet of first floor retail space. If the expansion were approved, the TIF would increase the 59.5 acres of property by some 17.7 acres for additional commercial and residential properties just west of 66th Court and 67th Avenue. The additional properties would need to be included in the TIF district in order to use the TIF district funds. The village would need to find an additional funding source if the properties are unable to be included in the current TIF. Residents expressed concerns regarding the village's desire to purchase their homes if they were included in the TIF expansion.

The current South Street project followed the controversial $100 million North Street development project, which was approved at the Aug. 22, Board of Trustees meeting amidst opposition from residents located near the Metra Station. Their concerns were that the project would take away from the historic character of the area and will be too dense and increase traffic. This development is slated for the area near 173rd Street and Oak Park Avenue and will include 115 condominiums, underground parking, 16,000 square feet of office space, approximately 43,000 square feet of retail space, and a two story 11-screen, 1,930 seat movie theater. Construction also includes the expansion of Zabrocki Plaza, doubling its size, and the construction of an underground parking garage under the new Park.

Chicago Premium Outlet Trip

A few spaces remain for the Tinley Park-Park District's trip to the Chicago Premium Outlet Mall in Aurora. Shoppers can get a jump start on their Christmas shopping and enjoy a fun-filled day of bargain hunting.

A bus will depart the Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center at 9:30 am on Friday, November 3 and will return by approximately 3:00 pm. The fee of $16 includes transportation only. All ages welcome!

For more information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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Chicago Gaelic Park events

Chicago Gaelic Park announces fall/winter 2006 happenings. Included are Echoes of Erin Comhaltas, Saturday, October 21 at 8pm in their 2006 North American Concert tour with traditional Irish music, song and dance. Doors open at 7pm and admission is $15.

Andy Conney's "Classic Irish Christmas" is Sunday, December 17. Celtic Suppers are on Sunday's from 4-7pm with dancing afterwards. The meal is an all you can eat buffet dinner that includes soup, salad, two meat entrees, veggies and potatoes with desserts. Fee is $15 for adults and $8 children 4-12.

Reservations are required. Call 708-687-9323. The Park is located 6119 W 147th Street in Oak Forest. There is no Celtic Suppers on November 26, December 24 or 31.

Tinley Park Library News

Haunted Boo-mobile

Be sure to visit the Tinley Park Public Library's Haunted Boo-mobile, parked in front of the Library on Friday, October 27 from 6:30-8:30pm. Get a treat from the library's resident witch Brunhilda, then head inside to the library's Meeting room to join a spooky celebration. We'll have scary stories starting at 6:30, read by the Heartland Story league, kids can also enjoy spooktacular games, treat bags and a costume contest.

The all-knowing, all seeing amazing Madam Encantada will astonish you with her crystal ball to answer questions about your future. Parents it is a photo opt so bring the camera. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

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South Suburban College hosts Health Fair

The South Suburban College Department of nursing, in conjunction with Omega Psi Phi Fraternity will host the 2006 Community Health Fair on October 28th from 8am to 2pm. All of the activities take place at the Atrium at South Suburban College, 15800 South State Street in South Holland.

Objectives are to raise awareness of bone marrow donors, donate blood to the banks, to provide free health screenings and flu vaccinations. Life Source will administer Bone Marrow and Blood Donor Drives, SSC Nursing Students will provide blood pressure screenings, diabetes glucose screenings, pulse oximetry, TB screenings (donated by Cook County Bureau of Health Services), cholesterol screenings (donated by South Suburban Hospital) and body fat analysis (donated by Ingalls Memorial Hospital).

Flu shots will be provided by the Flu Shot Center, a division of Employee Health Advocate, LTD. Information sessions will focus on a variety of topics including American Cancer, American Diabetes and Sickle Cell. For more information, call Marjorie Roache at 708-596-2000 ex 2550.

South Suburban Earth Club Show

At Prairie State College, 202 South Halsted Street in Chicago Heights in the large gym is the location for the Department of Natural Science Earth Science Show on October 21st and 22nd. Saturday hours are 10am-5pm and Sunday hours are 10:30am-5pm.. Admission is free. This is the 37th fossil, gem, mineral and jewelry show.

In the exhibit are fossils from Mazon Creek and Thornton Quarry, minerals, jewelry, lapidary, crystals, rocks, artifacts, Illinois meteorites and fluorescent stones. Scouts can earn Geology and Oil Badges. Science teacher information is available on displays and demonstrations. There is a Children's area-to hunt for fossils. Video your fossils.

Several dealers will be their, including Michael's Mineral Exchange, Jeri's Rock Shop, Gem Trees by Lois, Craig's Crystals, Lavins Gems and Jewelry, Terra Time Technique and Jewelry by Ravin. For information call Lee Ann Burrough, Assistant Professor Earth Sciences at 708-709-3674.

TP Library presents a concert

The History Singers will perform in concert at the Tinley Park Public Library on Sunday, October 22 at 2pm. Kathryn and John Atwood will sing and play the greatest hits of the 20th century with music from 1870-1980. Come out and hear all your favorites. Call the library 708-532-0160 ex 3.

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Public Library presents "Cooking with Julia" on Sunday, October 22 from 2-3:30pm. Teens in grades 6-12 who like to cook who are interested in learning how to make their own meals or want to impress their families are invited to learn a few new things and taste them also. Call the library to register at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

The Youth Services Department at the Tinley Park Public Library presents "Michael Offutt's Ultimate science Show" on Monday, October 23 from 7-7:45pm. It is open to children ages 5-11 and their parents. The interactive science demonstration is designed to introduce young minds to science exploration. Call the library to register. The library is located at 7851 Timber Drive.

State Senator Crotty holds town hall meeting

State Senator Maggie Crotty holds a town hall meeting in Orland Hills from 12:00 Noon until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21.

She will also be holding a town hall meeting in Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 S. Rivinia Avenue, Orland Park from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21, 2006.

"These meeting are an excellent opportunity for constituents to share their concerns regarding policy matters, and it's a great opportunity for me, in turn, to share with them what's happening in State government," says Senator Crotty.

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A non predictable storm

by Annette Dixon

It was a nice sunny day on Monday, October 2, when my mother had to go to the doctors. Around 2:15 p.m. when we arrived home, I said to my mother, "look at the dark clouds in the north, this reminds me of 1967."

Well it wasn't until Tuesday morning, when I received a call from the delivery person that he couldn't get through from the tri-state. Traffic was at a stand still, the entrance was closed on 95th. More delivery personnel came and said about similar circumstances in their areas of Worth and Palos Hills.

I proceeded to get my labels on the papers for the mail delivery and off I went to the Moraine Post Office. In 33 years this was the first time the Post Office closed down. The workers stated there was no power, that I should come back Wed.

I immediately surveyed some areas and found it to be a disaster zone. Call it a microburst, tornado, windstorm, what every this storm was it done more damage than one could imagine. In some areas there were no flooded basements, yet within the same block the power was out and basements flooded and debris was everywhere.

CommonWealth Edison Power was not always on the scene. So many power lines were down especially in Hickory Hills, Bridgeview, Palos Hills, Oak Lawn. Some residents from these towns were without power for four days.

Pictured above on 100th street across from Moraine Post Office Fraser Co. looked like this and there were more damaged buildings in this area. Conrady Elementary school on 96th and Robert's had a flat roof which caved in. Was anyone prepared for this.

Worth approves ordinance for vehicle tag increase

by Matt Mayer

The board adopted a vehicle sticker fee increase at the Oct. 3 Worth Board of Trustees meeting, which was approved at the Sept.19 board meeting. The increase is as follows: Passenger cars from $25 to $27; antique cars $5 to $7 dollars; motorcycles $15 to $17 and D, F, H, J. truck classifications from $50 to $55. Senior citizen car stickers well remain at the current $5 fee. Vehicle stickers may be purchased beginning on Nov. 1. Residents can save $2 if stickers are purchased by Dec. 31. An ordinance was also approved at the Sept. 19, meeting to increase the citation for not displaying a current sticker from $40 to $50.

Other highlights: The board approved an expenditure of $9,100 from the hotel occupant tax as well as an ordinance for the subdivision of property along with variances at 11201 and 11211 S. Oak Park Avenue. The Village Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Dec. 3, at Waters Edge Golf Course at 4 p.m. The Senior Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 21, at the Garden Chalet. Tickets will go on sale Nov.1 for $5. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Disposal day on Saturday, October 21, from 8:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be held at the Midlothian METRA Train Station's south parking lot at 147th Place and Waverly Avenue. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the MWRD at 312.751.6633.

Chicago Ridge puts Roche on final notice

by Matt Mayer

Patrick Roche, son of Michael Roche, appeared before the board at the Oct. 3, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting. Roche has been cited with numerous violations over the years for his property located at 10008 S. Anderson Ave. Roche has been at this location for nine years and still doesn't have a rental business license, which will not be granted until all village codes are met. Michael Roche has appeared before the board, accompanied by counsel, numerous times.

At such times, Roche has been required to clean up his property consisting of the paving of the parking lot, the removal of junk and debris. Roche has made some improvements however the removal of debris, junk cars and clearing the junk packed area in the back of the property, in order to create a fire lane and comply with the ordinance, has not been met. Roche was given a deadline of Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. to comply or face the shut down of his business.

The board approved a business license for Diamond Blade Resale, a contractor supply business at 10321 Oxford Avenue. A fire department request to purchase preplan software for $1,925 was also approved as well as the approval of a Fire and Police ordinance. A request to waive the permit fee and allow the installation of a sign at 95th and Ridgeland for Queen of Peace High School was also approved.

News from the Palos Park Center

Children and family activities

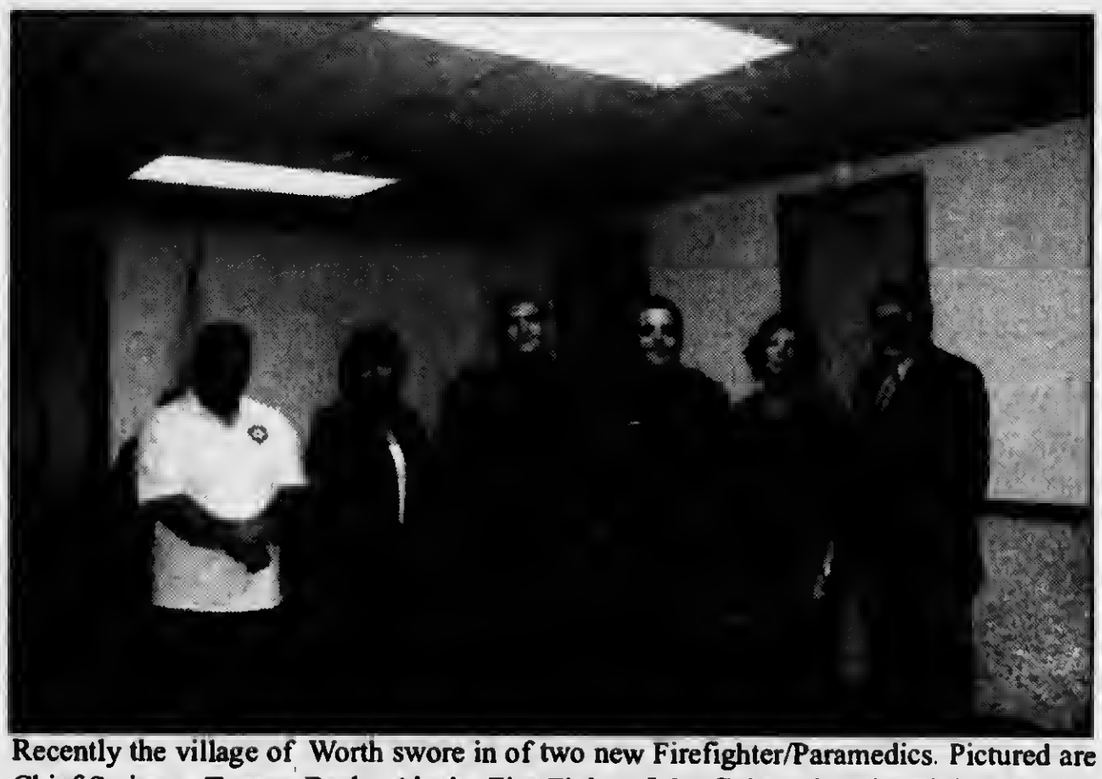
The Children's Farm will once again be filled with spooks on Halloween weekend. Guest are led on a 1-1/1/2 hour experience with a walk through the Haunted Barn, a hayride trip to the graveyard and Maze in the Haunted Woods and a stop for spider-cider at the witches cauldron. Fireside Halloween stories are told by Jim and Karen Decker. The event is for families with children 8 and older.

Advanced tickets are required and a limited number are sold for each hour during the evening between 6:30 and 8:30pm. Over 100 Volunteers participate in the fun filled haunted evenings that are attended by over 1800 guests! Tickets are $10 each.

The Chicago Southwest Suburban Community Center foundation is located 12700 Southwest Highway in Palos Park. The number for reservations is 708-361-3650.

Junior Farmers is an opportunity for young children ages 3-12 to immerse themselves in the life of The Children's Farm. The fall schedule for 9-12 year old children is Wednesday 4-5pm beginning October 25 or Saturday 4-5pm beginning October 21. Children age 6-8 begin Monday 4-5pm on October 23 or Thursday 4-5pm on October 26. The program fee is $65 for a 6- week program. Call the Center for younger than 6 schedules.

The Farm is open on Saturday and Sunday for touring in October and November from 10am to 4pm. Admission is $4.25 per person. The pumpkin patch is open for picking pumpkins, a hayride awaits all and a sale of fall things along with food and soda is available. Bring the family out for a fall day with the animals and a picnic lunch.



Recently the village of Worth swore in of two new Firefighter/Paramedics. Pictured are Chief Swiercz, Trustee Becky Alcala, Fire Fighter John Colangelo, Fire Fighter Patrick Finn, Village Clerk Bonnie Price and President Ed Guzdziol

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News from McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW

The McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge Post 177 VFW Men's Auxiliary, 10537 S. Ridgeland Ave. are calling all available crafters for the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 8am to 2pm. For an 8- foot table cost is $10. Call Pat Sheppard at 708-636-3220 or Tom Lysik at 708-424-4910 to reserve a table or has any questions.

McDonald-Linn Chicago Ridge VFW, Post 177 will be holding a "Wendy's Nite" on Wednesday, November 22 at 79th Harlem from 5-8pm. Bring the family for dinner and at the same time support a poast fundraiser. Call Pat for more information.

Evergreens meet first Wednesday monthly

The Evergreens, a social club, meet the first Wednesday of the month in the auditorium of the HB Maher Community Center, 3450 W 97th St in Evergreen Park. New members are always welcome. Annual dues are $4. For refreshments there is a charge of $1.25 at the meeting. Don't forget the Christmas Party on December 6.

Meals on Wheels for Evergreen Park residents

Meals on Wheels for Evergreen Park residents (60 and over, who are unable to prepare meals in their home) is available through the combined efforts of PLOWS, the Office of Senior Citizens (OCS) and Little company of Mary Hospital. Meals are delivered between 11:30am-and noon on Monday through Friday. One meal is hot for lunch and the other cold for dinner.

For information on cost and eligibility, call Jolene at OCS 708-422-8776. If you know anyone who could benefit from the program, please inform them of the program.

News Evergreen Park Youth Commission

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission's annual "Coat Drive' runs from October through November 30, 2006. You may bring all winter coats, jackets and sweaters that are clean and in good condition to the Community Center, 3450 w 97th St in room 105 any Monday-Friday 9am to 6pm. All items will be given to needy organizations in the Southwest suburbs.

The Evergreen Park Youth Commission will be going on their scary bus trip to "Fright Fest" at Great America on Saturday, October 28, 2006 with the bus leaving at 9:30am and returning around 11:30pm bewitching time. The cost is $45. Call 708-229-3377.

Residents of Evergreen Park who need help with raking leaves or shoveling snow during the winter are asked to call the Evergreen Park Youth Commission. They have kids available to do work for you, while making some spending money. Call the above number.

Holiday craft bazaar at Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church

The Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church, 8426 W 95th Street, will hold their Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, from 9am to 3pm. Over 30 crafters and vendors will be showing their wares. Homemade bakery goods for sale, Penny Social table raffles, lunch served all day. Admission is free. Bring a friend. Call Grace for information at 708-423-6378.

Oak Lawn Library hosts Opera lecture

The Oak Lawn Public Library hosts an Opera lecture on "Salome" on Sunday, October 22 at 1:30pm. First come-first seated in the lower level meeting room. A member of the lyric Opera Lecture Corps will explain the plot, give background on the composer, Richard Strauss and play musical selections. Friends of the Oak Lawn Library sponsor the program. It is located 5300 W 95th St .For information, call 708-422-4990.

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Oak Lawn Enacts Emergency Power Ordinance

By Matt Mayer

Village Clerk Jane Quinlan resumed her position on the dais as village clerk calling the roll. Quinlan was absent at the previous meeting she attended a weeklong university prepared intensive education program in Springfield. She has embarked on a two-year pursuit to become Oak Lawn's first certified municipal clerk. There are weeklong sessions of study, which are held at various periods throughout the two-year education program. Quinlan is very enthusiastic about taking on this challenge.

The board approved an ordinance amending a chapter of the village code regarding emergency powers of the village president. Highlights of the verbiage of the ordinance shall now include the following: The village president shall have the following emergency powers in the event of any natural disaster or manmade calamity, including flood, conflagration, cyclone, tornado, earthquake, explosion or other event within or adjacent to the corporate limits of the village resulting in or threatening death or injury of persons or destruction of property to such an extent that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Whenever an emergency is defined. The president shall declare the existence via written declaration consisting of facts that constitute the emergency. The declaration shall be filled with the village clerk as soon as possible. The emergency shall remain in effect until a date no later than the first regular meeting of the corporate authorities after the state of emergency is declared. Upon the issue of the declaration, the president shall notify the local news media in the village and copies of the proclamation declaring the emergency will be posted in the village hall. The president may also order a curfew an evacuation.

The village hall will be closed on Nov. 10, in observation of Veteran's Day. The next meeting is Nov 14.

Photo by Laure Stone

Oak Lawn Park District Skater Takes Home Silver

OAK LAWN – On Thursday, October 19 Jordan Moeller placed 2nd in the Juvenile Men's Division at the 2007 Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships. This silver medal finish qualifies Jordan for the 2007 Junior National "Reach for the Stars"

Championships that will take place November 27 – December 2, 2006.

Jordan, who is a 6th grader at St. Paul Lutheran School, began skating at the age of 4. He skates at the Oak Lawn Park District

Ice Arena (9320 S. Kenton Ave, Oak Lawn) where he is coached by David Jamison and Vickie Scudella. Jordan trains before and after school both on and off the ice 6 days a week.

Ronald McDonald House slated for Oak Lawn

By Matt Mayer

A partnership between Oak Lawn High School District 229 and Advocate Christ Hospital for a Ronald McDonald House is becoming a reality. Mary Agnes Laguatan, Director of Programs and Services for the Ronald McDonald House of Chicago and Northwestern Indiana, first addressed the board at the Oct. 10, Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting, regarding a leased parcel of property from Oak Lawn Community High School. A representative from Advocate Christ Hospital also addressed the board - he said that he is excited about what this partnership would bring to the area, such as scholarships and other opportunities.

The formed partnership is between Hope Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald Charities and Oak Lawn Community High School District 229, for the construction of a 13- bedroom 18,000 square foot house to be located on the northwest corner of 93rd and Kostner Avenue across the street from Hope Hospital. The lease agreement also includes the construction of new restrooms and a field maintenance shed. The total cost of construction is estimated in the vicinity of $5 million.

The Ronald McDonald House will serve families of children, who live a great distance away from the hospital. Hope does however permit parents of critically ill children to stay with them 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Hope Children's Hospital also admits children from all over the world. There are currently three Ronald McDonald Houses in the Chicago land area, which is the highest local area number, making that number four with the completion of the Oak Lawn house. Additional information regarding the Ronald McDonald Charities may be obtained by visiting the Ronald McDonald Charities Website at www.mcdonalds.com/rmhc/index/programs.html

Richards announces A.P. Scholars

Richards High School proudly announces that 30 of its current students or graduates qualified as Advanced Placement Scholars.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on AP exams. The College Board honors outstanding performances on AP exams with several levels of recognition.

Fida Abuisneineh, Tarek Cattan and Melissa Roon, all of whom graduated in May, qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The grade scale on AP exams ranges from a low of '1' to a high of '5.' Scores of '3' or higher qualify for college credit.

Greg Czaplewski, Hannah Kolb, Ryan McMillin (currently a senior), Nora Miller and Jessica Nelson qualified for the A.P. Scholar with Honor award for an average of 3.25 and passing at least four exams.

Finally, 22 students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations with grades of 3 or higher. They include current seniors Matt Erickson, Nick Koulogeorge, Katherine Kennedy, Stacy March, Kassandra McNeilly, Dan Spedale, Ashley Taylor, Melissa Taylor. In addition, the following 2006 graduates also won AP Scholar recognition: Domas Bartkus, Elise Biggers, Al Connelly, Amanda LeBeau, Mackenzie Mesco, Kim Murray, Lisa Musser, Melaine Roon, Monica Solus, Melissa Wall, Alison Wild, Laura Wozny, and Kevin Zickterman.

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Confirmation Youth Community Service Projects

The 7th and 8th grade confirmation classes of Trinity Lutheran Church at 97th and Brandt Ave. in Oak Lawn will be participating in two service projects in the month of November. On Thursday, November 16 the youth will be sent out in the neighborhood to collect food items for the food pantries in Oak Lawn. Then on November 18, they will work with the Oak Lawn Community Partnership in helping to rake leaves for elderly and disabled people. A lunch for the volunteers will be served at the church following.

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Village Of Worth CDBG Special Meeting Agenda Public Hearing

There will be a special meeting of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Worth on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 6:50 p.m. at 7112 W. 111th Street. The performance hearing is to discuss the status of projects and activities undertaken by the Village with funds provided as part of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

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Hometown News

Air Force 2nd Lt. Hameed Jafri has enrolled at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, Md., as a medical student and graduate of the Class of 2010. The student will be matriculated, trained, and prepared to serve as a physician in the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Public Health Service to meet the wartime and peacetime medical needs of the U.S. Armed Forces, both at home and abroad.

The tuition-free university, established by Congress under the Defense Department, is recognized as a worldwide reputable center of excellence for military medical education and research. In addition to free tuition, students receive free books, and equipment and instruments. The curriculum includes a concentration of preventive medicine, primary care, and emergency medicine, which are directly related to military medicine, tropical diseases, disaster medicine, military readiness, and adaptation to extreme environments.

Students are considered active duty military members while attending the university and receive pay benefits of a junior ranking officer with a pay grade of O-1. Upon graduation, they are promoted to a higher ranking officer with a pay grade of O-3 and are expected to serve at least seven years active duty and six years on inactive ready reserve status.

He is the son of Pervaiz A. and Shaista Jafri of S. Narragansett Ave., Burbank, Ill.

Jafri graduated in 1999 from Reavis High School, Burbank, and received a bachelor's degree in 2003 from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana.

Army Pvt. Cheryl R. Slansky has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

She is the niece of Keith Slansky of Main St., Hometown, Ill., and Susan Slansky of Horseshoe Drive, Tinley Park, Ill.

Slansky is a 2004 graduate of Hubbard High School, Chicago, Ill.

Army National Guard Pvt. John G. Bouzios has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of John G. Bouzios Sr. of Kenton Ave., Midlothian, Ill.

The private is the former ward of Stephen Alexander of Lester Road, Reading, Mich.

Orland Park To Host V.A. Health Care and Enrollment Presentation

The Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services will host an informational program for veterans on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Orland Park Civic Center, 14750 South Ravinia Avenue.

Veterans with questions about the Veterans' Administration Health Care System, eligibility and enrollment updates will want to attend this question and answer session with Hines Medical Center's Keith Bristow. Bristow serves as ambassador for the Patient Administrative SVC Team at Hines Veterans' Administration Medical Center to answer questions about enrollment and benefit.

As of October 1, 1998, federal law requires that veterans be enrolled to receive Veterans' Administration hospital and patient care. The United States Congress also expanded the range medical services that enrolled veterans may receive. Veterans may apply for enrollment at any time. Bristow will answer common questions about enrollment and benefits.

For more information, call the Village of Orland Park Office of Special Services at 708/403-6188.

Colonel John Drolet
District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Chicago District
111 North Canal Street
Chicago, IL 60606

Dear Colonel Drolet:

I am contacting you to respectfully request a preliminary evaluation of the Stoney Creek flooding issues in the Village of Oak Lawn. As the Army Corps of Engineers (COE) has jurisdiction over flood control projects in the Nation, I would ask you to utilize COE technical expertise to evaluate potential flood mitigation options.

As you may know, flooding problems attributed to Stoney Creek have been an ongoing problem. Flooding results in real damages to homes and businesses and adversely impacts the quality of life for any community. Persistent flooding only furthers these damaging aspects and results in very real losses to my constituents. It is critically important to evaluate potential flood mitigation options in this area in order to help prevent future flooding problems and to improve the quality of life.

Again, I would request that you utilize COE technical expertise to look into the situation and conduct a preliminary evaluation. I would also request that the evaluation be conducted in close cooperation with the Village of Oak Lawn and other appropriate stakeholders, such as the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. By taking this first step and working together in a collaborative fashion, there may be feasible concrete options developed for addressing these flooding problems.

Thank you for your time and attention given to this matter, and I look forward to working with you. With best wishes and kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

DANIEL LIPINSKI
Member of Congress

Cc: Sam Flood, Acting Director, IDNR
Terrence O'Brien, President, MWRD
Dave Heilmann, Mayor, Village of Oak Lawn

NAM/BIPAC Post-Election Briefing

Call-in Available

WHAT:The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and the **Business Industry Political Action Committee** (BIPAC) will conduct a comprehensive review of election results – only a few hours after the polls are closed.

WHO:Jay Timmons, NAM Senior Vice President for Policy and Government Relations

Pat Cleary, NAM Senior Vice President for Communications

Greg Casey, BIPAC President

Bernadette Budde, BIPAC Senior Vice President

Darrell Shull, BIPAC Senior Vice President and Prosperity Project Executive Director

WHEN: Wednesday, November 8, 2006

11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: The Willard Intercontinental Hotel – The Garfield Room

1401 Pennsylvania, Ave., NW

Washington, D.C.

**** Conference call-in available at (201) 527-2133; participant code: 619103**

CONTACT: RSVP to the NAM's Kat Snodgrass at ksnodgrass@nam.org (202) 637-3094 or BIPAC's Lauren Yates at yates@bipac.org or (202) 776-7477.

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Designer sample sale Billion Dollar Babes teams up with Chicago's "It Girls" to shop during an afternoon break and lunch is on them!

WHO: Designer sample sale *Billion Dollar Babes*, along with hosts Korey Karnes (*Chicago Social*), Ana Belaval (WGN's *Around Town*), Kelly Hurliman (Stylist to Oprah Winfrey), Dana Greengross (*The Oprah Winfrey Show*), Jennifer Humphry (W Hotels Worldwide), Kelly Ryan O'Brien (GenART) and Lindsey Kantor Gladstone.

WHAT: Billion Dollar Babes (BDB), the sample sale to end all sample sales, returns to Chicago in style, offering thousands of premium designer garments, shoes and accessories at incredibly outrageous wholesale prices and below. BDB is teaming up with Chicago's fashionistas and Blue Plate catering, inviting women to shop during their lunch breaks and go home with a free packed lunch with purchase!

WHEN: Special 'Ladies Who Lunch' Host Committee Sale
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A Guide For Boomers

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The guide, called "Pick Up The Pace," urges boomers to plan to have a long, active and healthy life; act now to have flexible choices later; and control finances and evaluate lifestyle options that impact financial security.

Copies of the "Pick Up The Pace" guide are available online at www.eldercare.gov and www.csrees.usda.gov/fsll, and by calling the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116.

While some boomers are saving for retirement, they might not be saving enough.

Something Old and Something New

As the old adage goes, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend," and you have to treat them as such.

This article is dedicated to care of diamonds. Many jewelers neglect giving their customers this important information.

First, have your diamond appraised. This appraisal is necessary for insurance purposes to be sure you receive the full replacement value (retail) cost of your diamond in case of theft or loss. Make sure your diamond is insured the day it leaves the jewelry store.

Don't wear your diamond while doing housework. Cleaners are harsh to the stone and can pit or discolor mountings. Abrasive cleaners can scratch bands. A diamond can scratch also, so be careful while traveling. It is best to wrap your diamond in a tissue or store it in a ring box or a special place designed for your ring.

Clean your ring at least once a month with a jewelry cleaner or mild soap. Use a small brush or an old toothbrush and gently go over the whole ring. Dry the ring with a soft rag or jewelry cloth. You might be able to have your ring professionally cleaned at your jewelry store, if they offer this service. At this time, check the mounting, especially the prongs.

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Marist Students Receive Scouting Awards

Zachary Banko '09 (Alsip) and Nicole O'Connor '07 (Palos Heights) display the certificates and medals they received as an Eagle Scout and Gold Award Project winner, respectively.

CHICAGO, IL, November 3, 2006 – Two Marist High School students received the highest Scouting awards possible earlier this year in recognition of their community service. Nicole O'Connor '07 (Palos Heights) and Zachary Banko '09 (Alsip) designed service projects to fulfill the application process for their Scouting awards.

O'Connor received The Gold Award in May from the Girls Scouts of the USA, and it is the highest award a Girl Scout can receive, and requires each applicant to design a long-term project that puts the applicant in a leadership role and which is related to her future career goal. O'Connor chose to serve at The Mantle, part of Port Ministries outreach program, located in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood, an underserved area of the city. The Mantle provides education, child care and development, and community enrichment programs.

Just before starting her project in November of 2005, O'Connor ran a book drive at Marist, and with the help of classmates, collected over 1,000 books for the Book Worm Angels Network. Half of the books were donated to The Mantle. Those books were key to her work, as she and fellow Marist volunteers focused on literacy with the kids who visited The Mantle after school. Nicole also created age appropriate lessons to strengthen the kids' academic skills and brought along a craft project on her twice monthly visits. "Each time I went to The Mantle I felt very blessed," Nicole said. "The area is rundown and it's good to get out there and help with an immediate problem in our city; one that is near us."

Banko, who has been involved in Scouting since third grade, chose The Crisis Center for South Suburbia as his service site. Banko organized a drive to collect new and gently used clothes and new toiletry items for the organization that provides emergency shelter and services for families dealing with domestic violence. After a week of advertising the drive throughout his neighborhood, Banko filled 40 large moving boxes with items for the center. "They couldn't believe how much I had collected," Banko said. "It took nearly a half hour to move it all inside the [Crisis Center] building." Banko found the project fulfilling because he said, "I like helping people and I like making others happy." Banko received his award in August.

Both students agree that staying in Scouting has provided interesting things to learn and great people to meet and befriend. Only about five percent of members of the Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts organizations receive these distinguished awards.

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago, is a Catholic, college preparatory school educating young men and women in heart, mind, and body.

St. Albert

The Great School

The Junior High classes of St. Albert the Great School in Burbank will we hosting a Veterans Day celebration on Friday November 10.2006. A special liturgy honoring the veterans and others who have served in our nation's military will be held at 8:30 a.m. A reception with refreshments will be held in Rogers Hall following the morning liturgy. Veterans, their family members, and friends are all invited to attend. Veterans are welcome to share their stories, photos, uniforms, and other memorabilia with the students.

Celebrating Veterans Day has become a tradition of St. Albert the Great School. The students look forward to preparing items for the reception and meeting the brave men and woman who have served our country. Many veterans have shared their stories and memorabilia with the students. They enjoy spending time with the children.

St. Albert the Great is located at 5535 West State Road in Burbank, IL.

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Physic Predictions

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Think "clutter-be-gone" then work at it! Your mind clears, your health will improve, & good things happen! A & R help.

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Tell yourself "be well" of mind & body & it can happen in the wink of an eye. F aids.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: No one can read your thoughts or feel your pain, so speak up and let others know what is going on with you. B aids.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: Money is an issue, true, but you also have to decide on what you need as opposed to what you want. T aids.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Life is not a ring-toss. Make a plan, stick with the plan & watch others applaud you. L aids.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read above message & add this: an Angel comes to your aid.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Remember, when you absolutely cannot do something, your Creator can send the help you need if you ask.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Spiritual helps & guidance come to you from a Saint or an Angel.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: You may end up helping someone this week who seems to know you are the only one who can help!

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Continuing *"Self-Hypnosis Classes"* 7pm Nov 8th; discussion group about *"do you hate someone?"*...learn about it and what you can do about it Nov 9th at 7pm; mini-sessions Nov 13th from at 7pm at *Phyllis' Coffee House* [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]. Mini-Sessions at *Oak Forest Bowl* [152nd & S. Cicero] Nov 6th from 7pm. Walk-ins welcome. And I continue to be at the Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all services [by appt]. Availabie for *Speaking Engagements*.

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

UFO's (ummm)

There is even more information coming to us from "so-called" authorities on the subject of unidentified flying objects & admitted experimentations coming from "where?" Pictographs show flying objects in the skies way back before any other form of people to people communication. "They etched in stone what they saw" is what I say. Saying it was all imagination really lacks intelligence. Why? Because such pictographs appear all over Earth's surfaces long before transportation by air or boat was possible. And more, why do we see Halo's only on religious people? Read my next column, it'll explain why.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Take Time for Fun

Update for the week of November 6, 2006

Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

• **Entertainment Books** - The 2007 Entertainment Books are now on sale at the Oak Lawn Park District. Purchase these books with money-saving coupons for restaurants, hotels, attractions and entertainment for just $20. Your purchase will help support Oak Lawn Special Olympics. Program. They are available for purchase at the Oak View Center, Community Pavilion, Racquet & Fitness Club and the Administrative Center, now through December 31. For details, call 708/857-2200.

• **Rubber Stamping Workshops** - Learn the easy art of rubber-stamping at the Oak Lawn Park District. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, November 14, with a morning and evening session to fit everyone's busy schedule. Morning session is from 9-11:30am and the evening session is from 7 – 9:30pm. Participants will complete several projects, including greeting cards and gift bags, using various techniques. Samples of how to add stamping to your scrapbook pages will also be shown. Please bring your own colored pencils and scissors. Workshops are open to those ages 18 and up. Fee for each session is $9.50 for Oak Lawn residents and $11.50 for non-residents. For more information, please call the Oak View Center at 708-857-2200.

• **M.S. Group Meeting** – The Oak Lawn M.S. support group BEAMS (Become Educated About Multiple Sclerosis) will meet on Wednesday, November 15 at 11am at the Oak Lawn Park District's Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St. This meeting will have an open discussion on planning for the holidays and how to reduce stress and fatigue. This meeting will also include planning for the 2007 meetings. Our self-help group is intended to benefit those who have MS or know someone with MS. Whether you attend on a regular basis or intermittently, you are always welcome. For more information, please contact Mary Ellen Tinman, group facilitator, at 708-424-1407.

• **Youth Co-Ed Basketball Leagues at Pavilion** - This program offers instruction, as well as competitive basketball for boys and girls age 6-9. Team play and sportsmanship will be stressed. Age divisions are as of September 1, 2006. Birth certificates may be requested if there is question of a child's age. Teams will practice in December and league play will begin in January. Your coach will call you to let you know when your first practice will be held. Registration deadline is November 15. A $10 late charge applies after the deadline. Fee is $65 for Oak Lawn residents and $90 for non-residents.

• **Familiy Harvest Fest**: A wonderful way to enjoy yesterday - Join the Oak Lawn Park District for this festive pre-Thanksgiving event at the Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 West 103rd Street. This fun and educational evening will begin with a light meal followed by stories of the Native American past. Learn traditions and life styles as told by folktale artist Laurie Snaer. The Family Harvest will take place on Saturday, November 18. Buffet begins at 4:30pm and entertainment begins at 5:30pm. Fee is $12 for adults and $6 for children. Registration is required. Registration deadline is November 15. For more information contact Pat at 708-857-2225.

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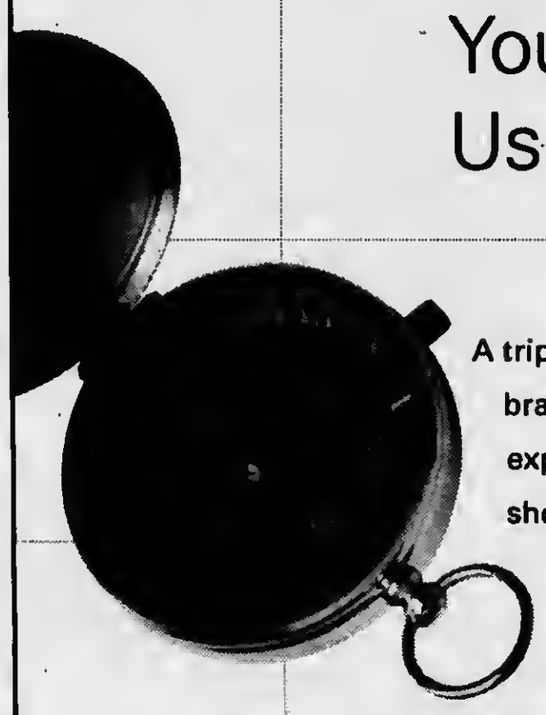

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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

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by Kathy Whirity

The childhood rhyme had been stuck in my head for a few days; an annoying side effect from my job as a daycare provider. "Mrs. Bumble Took A Tumble," repeated itself over and over until I was more than ready to bump old Mrs. Bumble right out of my brain.

Like other obnoxious rhymes that have settled in my mind for a short duration, I patiently waited for this one to also wear itself out. Somehow, this little ditty would prove prophetic to yours truly.

Sunday morning dawned and, as is the tradition, Bill and I met his sister, Marie, for 8:30 mass, and then it's across the street for breakfast.

This particular morning I hit the snooze button on the alarm and told Bill to go without me. I rolled over, preparing to catch up on the wonderful, unfinished dream I was having , before the shrill sound of the alarm sent it away. Everything seemed fine until Bill stood beside the bed and, with a sound of disappointment in his voice, said - "You're not coming to mass with me?" Okay, so who needs extra sleep on Sunday morning anyway?

I jumped out of bed and into the shower, surprising myself by being ready, with a few minutes to spare.

Mass was inspiring, breakfast was perfectly pleasant, and as we walked out into the bright and sunny autumn morning I just knew it was going to be an awesome day.

The optimistic outlook was short lived, however, when I started to cross the street and fell flat on my face, tripping on a dip in the road.

One minute I was partaking in small talk and the next Bill and Marie were picking me up off the pavement.

As I tried to regain composure with an ankle bursting with pain, what do you suppose was going through my mind? Those 5 silly words were back to haunt me!

Yep, "Mrs. Bumble Took A Tumble"

I am officially on the injured list. With ice packs resting atop my black and blue swollen foot, I am so very thankful that it was not much worse.

For now I'm learning how to navigate, peg leg style. I'm mastering the art of shuffle hobble, shuffle hobble, pretty well.

You never know when the unexpected will suddenly stop you right in your tracks.

This past week I have spent a great deal of my time with my right foot propped up three pillows high, iced till numb.

And, as I curse myself for being clumsy there's that darn refrain that seems to be mocking me in the fall of my misery - Mrs. Bumble took A Tumble.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

Remember the tea kettle, it's always up to its neck in hot water, yet it still sings. (Author Unknown.)

Family Gingerbread Workshops – November 18 and 25 at Chicago Children's Museum

Be a kid again! Gather the family together and head to the Chicago Children's Museum for the Family Gingerbread Workshops – a popular, annual holiday tradition. Space is limited.

What: Family Gingerbread Workshops sponsored by Wilton Industries

A one-hour, hands-on workshop with instruction and demonstrations by master decorator Sandy Folsom, assistant director of the Wilton School of Cake Decorating.

Reservations: Space is limited. Reservations are taken in the order received. $65 per family (up to six people). Includes one gingerbread house for each family and all supplies needed to decorate. Call 312-923-2285 for reservations.

When: Saturday, November 18 at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m. Saturday, November 25 at 10 a.m., noon, and 2 p.m.

Where: Chicago Children's Museum Navy Pier, 700 East Grand Ave., Chicago

www.chichildrensmuseum.org

Media Opportunities: Great visuals of a pre-holiday, fun, family activity.

Pre-event interviews with master decorator, Sandy Folsom, assistant director of Wilton's School of Cake Decorating and Confectionary Art.

Gingerbread house construction and decorating demonstrations with master decorator and workshop facilitator Sandy Folsom.

Call Sara Reddington (312-201-9101) to schedule an interview or photo opportunity or to inquire about covering the event with your family.

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Did you know that you can access DCEO grant dollars by either obtaining a Single Company Grant or accessing Moraine Valley Community College's (MVCC) Multi-Company Grant? DCEO grant may cover the cost of internal training.

MVCC has other grant dollars available through the Critical Skills Shortage Initiative Grant and Secretary of State Workforce Literacy Grant To learn how to access these grant dollars join MVCC at the Center for Contemporary Technology (Bldg. T) – Fogelson Theater on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., for a continental breakfast and informational presentation on the availability of training grants.

Please RSVP to our staff at Workforce Development (708) 974-5747, no later than Friday, November 10, 2006.

Moraine Valley Offers Continuing Education Sessions For Adults

If you're an adult considering college, but concerned how you'll fit in classes around your family, job, and other responsibilities, Moraine Valley can help. Moraine Valley offers daytime, evening, weekend, one-day-a-week, directed study, and short-term classes that can be planned around even the busiest schedules. The college's neighborhood extension sites may offer classes that are even closer to home than its main campus. Still a tight fit for your schedule? Moraine Valley also offers classes on DVD, and online classes that can help you earn credit from the comfort of your own home.

In addition, Moraine Valley offers Continuing Education Information Sessions for adults who would like to get a sense of the college scene before committing to college coursework. The audience for these sessions has included a combination of returning adults who have never stepped foot onto a college campus, adults who are in a career transition due to unemployment, and adults who have taken classes here but never pursued their degree. Upcoming sessions meet in Moraine Room 4 on the second floor of the College Center, on campus, 9000. W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, and are scheduled for:

Wednesday,
November 15, at 6 p.m.
Wednesday,
December 13, at 6 p.m.

During these sessions, college staff discusses details about the college and the benefits of a college education.

For more information, call Moraine Valley's Admissions Office at (708) 974-5355, or e-mail *admissions@morainevalley.edu.*

Grammar School Students Invited Marist Open House

CHICAGO, IL, November 2, 2006 – Marist High School will host its second and final open house event for the year to provide grammar school students and their families an opportunity to experience the excitement at Marist.

Open house will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2006, from noon to 3:00 p.m. Open house gives grade school students and their families the chance to tour the school, meet with teachers, coaches, and staff, and review the academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs available at Marist. The day will also allow visitors to see Marist's Cafetorium, Academic Resource Center, technology enhanced classrooms, and other state-of-the art facilities.

The *Fridays at Marist* program will continue to run until Friday, December 8, 2006. Current 8th grade students are invited to spend an interactive Friday at Marist High School. The day allows students to attend freshman or sophomore classes and meet with teachers, as well as experience Marist for themselves. They will listen to the band play a few tunes, visit the art gallery, and much more; the day is truly designed for the students. Lunch will be provided. For more information call 773-881-5330 or visit www.marist.net.

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Ernie Banks Makes Appearance at Charter One Bank November 1

"Mr. Cub" Ernie Banks helped kick off Charter One Bank's "Carving Out Hunger" initiative on Nov. 1 by being first at bat with a donation to help feed Chicagoland's hungry. Charter One is asking Chicagoland residents to donate a variety of food staples – including canned meats, fruits and vegetables – in any of the bank's 120 Illinois branches through the end of the month. Through a partnership with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, this food will be distributed through a network of food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters to help thousands of in-need families.

Help "carve out" hunger this season by making donations at suburban Charter One Bank branches. All donated food will be stocked on the shelves of local food pantries (including pantries in Tinley Park, Orland Park, Carol Stream, Alsip, Worth, Burbank and others) - directly benefiting the hungry in your community.

Queen Of Peace Student You Should Know

Congratulations to Queen of Peace senior Rachel Alexander (Chicago, 2500 bl. of 80th St.). She was honored as a 2006-2007 National Achiever through the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Rachel's presence has been felt at Queen of Peace for the last 3 years.

As a first-year student at Peace, Rachel tutored her peers and upper-class students in math. She is also an active member of the National Honor Society. In addition to her academic achievements, Rachel is an active player in the arts.

As a frosh and sophomore, Rachel participated in the Peace Dance Company. As a junior, she devoted her time to the Peace Choral Program. This year, she looks forward to dancing again. Outside of school, Rachel also spends her time singing and performing with the Chicago Children's Concert Choir. This past spring, she traveled with 60 members of her top-level choir to the Czech Republic, where she sang with the Czech National Symphony Orchestra at the Terezin Memorial – the site of a former Nazi prison and concentration camp. "The experience was amazing. I love singing and performing because it allows me to travel and learn about other cultures and history."

When asked about her involvement in the arts, she reflected, "the arts permit me to express myself freely. I always have my nose in the books studying. To dance, sing, and perform is fun, lets me laugh, and balances me. They make me who I am."

Queen of Peace senior Rachel Alexander wins recognition through the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

What does the future hold for Rachel Alexander? "I want to attend the University of Illinois at Champaign. I have so many different interests that I'm not sure what I want to study. I love to communicate with others, travel, and help people. What I do know is that I will make a difference."

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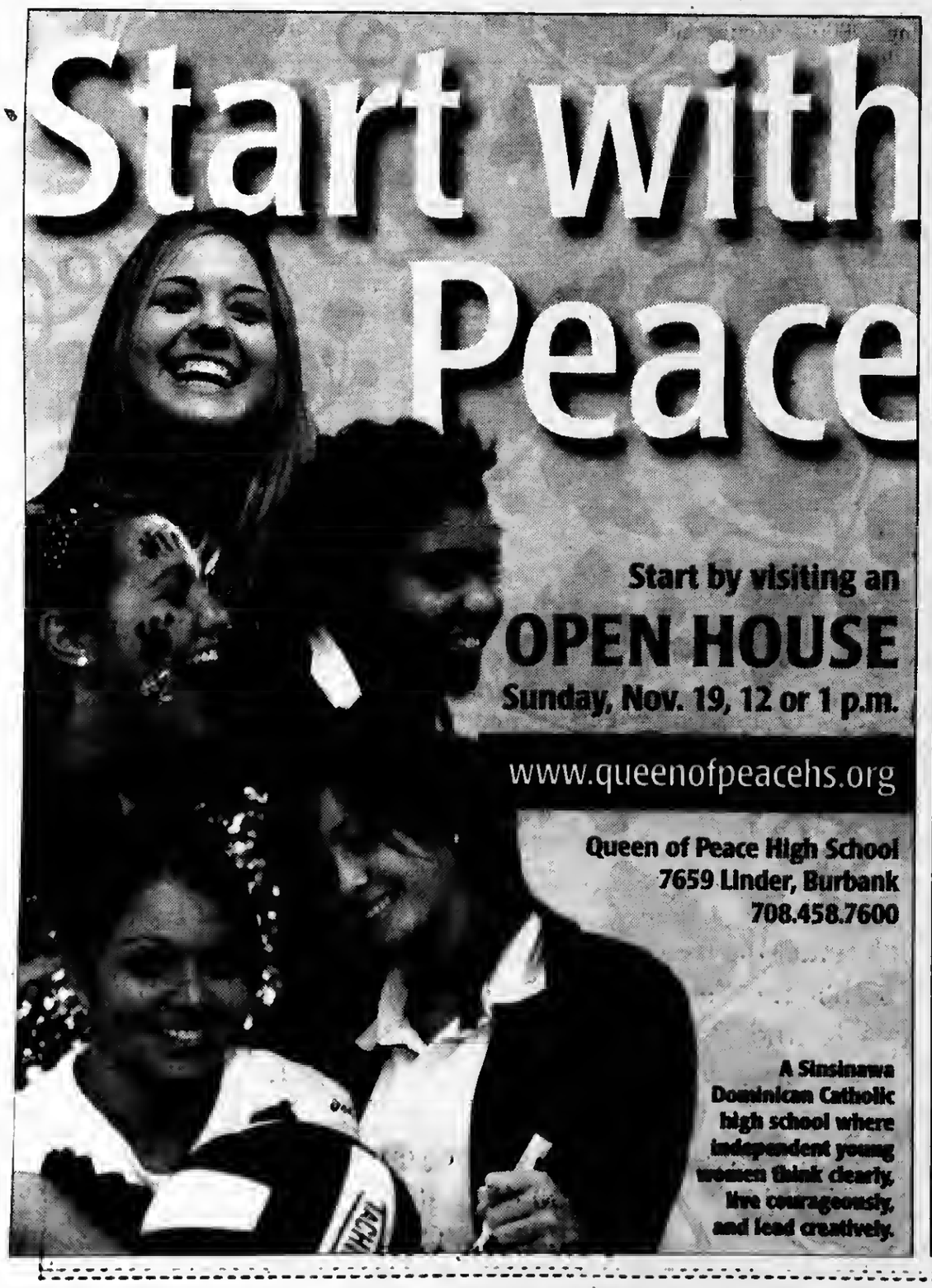

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Moraine Valley Announces Business People of the Year

Moraine Valley's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) honored Gary Wesner of Great Lakes Bank in Alsip as its 2006 Business Advocate of the Year during the 12th Annual EDCSS Small Business Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, November 2.

Gary Wesner started his banking career in 1974 at Beverly Bank. Considered the "premier bank on the South Side" at the time, Wesner met many individuals who served as mentors to him early in his career and helped him gain valuable knowledge about the banking industry. He has attempted to provide this same support to others throughout his career.

A few years later, Wesner began taking college courses at night to expand his opportunities, and in 1986 received a bachelor's degree from Governors State University. He went on to earn a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in finance from DePaul University.

In 1991, Wesner joined First National Bank of Blue Island, which later became Great Lakes Bank. When First National Bank of Blue Island purchased the First State Bank of Alsip in 1992, Wesner was charged with building a commercial banking portfolio of small business clients. He has successfully met this challenge and uses resources such as the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Moraine Valley Small Business Development Center to assist his customers in expanding their businesses.

He believes that stability and continuity are important in building professional relationships and considers himself a reliable team player who actively looks for ways to help his clients. As a result of bis commitment to his customers' needs, Wesner has earned their trust and confidence, and some have remained his clients for more than 30 years. As a strong advocate of the value that small business owners provide, Wesner looks for ways to belp them receive the recognition he feels they deserve. He

has been an active member in several business organizations such as the Oak Lawn Cbamber of Commerce and served on the board of the Alsip Industrial Association for nine years.

Wesner was nominated for Business Advocate of the Year by Josepb F. Kozmin, president of KVK, Inc.

Moraine Valley's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) honored Bob Simbianti from Linear Electric in Orland Park as its 2006 Government Contractor of the Year during the 12th Annual EDCSS Small Business Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, November 2.

When Bob Simbianti and his father, Anthony, began Linear Electric in 1986, Anthony had worked nearly 40 years in the electrical industry. This family business grew steadily over the years and now employs approximately 80 workers. Antbony retired from the company with 50 years experience.

Linear is a well-established, licensed and bonded contracting company that can handle all aspects of an electrical project. It offers complete project management and can take a job from the design stage through installation and maintenance.

The company originally focused on industrial clients, and this sector still remains an important part of the business. But as companies left the state and the market changed, Linear moved into other areas as well. The business now works on numerous institutional, commercial, and government projects throughout Cbicagoland, and its customers vary from Chicago State University to Lenzip Manufacturing to Silver Cross Hospital.

Linear's extensive work in industrial settings includes high voltage service and large demand power distribution systems, material handling conveyors, computerized processing systems, including programmable controllers and instrumentation. The company is skilled in commercial and institutional services such as computer power and wiring, lighting, uninterrupted power systems, and life safety systems.

Simbianti believes the company's emphasis on personal service and his staff of highly qualified workers has contributed to Linear's success. His in-house estimator/project managers and engineers each possess 10 to 50 years of experience in the industry so they can effectively address their clients' diverse needs. Linear works with seven unions and employs a full-time supervisor to manage the differing rules and pay scales. The company also has a strong commitment to safety. All foremen are 10-hour OSHA certified. Employees can take safety instruction courses and receive related certification.

Linear Electric believes in giving back to the community. Among tbe many organizations it supports are the American Diabetes Association and the American Cancer Society. Additionally, the company has helped with several fundraisers for children suffering from terminal and life-threatening illnesses.

Tony Denovellis, vice president of First Midwest Bank, nominated Simbianti for the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Moraine Valley's Economic Development Council for the Southwest Suburbs (EDCSS) honored Phil Schaafsma from Sid's Greenhouses and Garden Center in Palos Hills as its 2006 Small Business Person of the Year during the 12th Annual EDCSS Small Business Awards Luncheon held on Thursday, November 2.

Sid's Greenhouses and Garden Center has been an integral part of the Palos area for more than 40 years. Sid and Bernice Schaafsma began the business in 1961 when they opened a fresh fruit and vegetable stand on the current site on Southwest Highway. Their sons, Philip and William, belped out wbile in high scbool and joined the staff full-time after they graduated.

Schaafsma serves as the company's president, and he works hard to ensure Sid's offers a great shopping experience for its customers. Although be grew up in the family business, he has never lost his enthusiasm for it. He continues to look for new and profitable ways to serve customers and the community. Each year, Sid's supports hundreds of local charitable organizations such as schools, churches and clubs by contributing gift certificates as raffle prizes.

Over the years, the company has grown enormously to meet its customers' demands. Originally, Sid's added greenhouses and sold plants wholesale to area businesses. It later returned its focus to retail, and Sid's is now a full-service facility featuring a greenbouse, garden center, florist, nursery, and a home and garden showplace store. It also operates a plant rental and maintenance service and a landscaping design and installation service. Sid's stocks thousands of plants, over 10,000 yard and garden-related items, and one of the widest selections of pond supplies in the Cbicagoland area.

The Palos Hills location now encompasses approximately five acres. In 2001, Sid's purchased the assets of an existing garden center in Bolingbrook, and tbis second center now includes a 27,000-square-foot building on four acres.

Joan E. Knox, alderman from the City of Palos Hills, nominated Scbaafsma for the Small Business Person of the Year Award.

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"Dear Jim, I am not sure if I will be moving in 5 years or staying in my home forever. What kind of Mortgage do you suggest? I currently have about $20,000 in credit card debt I would like to pay off?"

This seems to be the dilemma of many people. Mine also. I think I will be in my home until all of my children are done with school, whicb for me is 10 years away. Now, depending on the amount of equity you bave in your home, we could get the cash out and pay off all of your debt within 14 days. If you do not bave enough equity, then we will need to put a plan together to systematically pay off your debt eacb month. A new program that just rolled out on November 1st is a 10 year fixed minimum payment of 2.25% with a 30 year fixed option. This way you are protected for the long haul and yet are able to save hundreds if not thousands a month in mortgage payments. For example: You have a $200,000 loan, are currently paying $2000 a month, and you do not have enough equity to pull out cash. With this 2.25% minimum payment your payment will be approximately $800 a month, saving $1200 a month, $14,400 a year. You sbould be debt free within 18 months.

"Dear Jim, I have watched many of those late night "Let's Get Rich from Real Estate shows." Do these really work with no money down?

I am not sure exactly what shows you have watched, but I have been to a ton of real estate seminars, I have read countless books and have listened to numerous audio books on the subject of real estate investing. In short, yes you can buy an investment property with no money down if you have a credit score of 720 or higher with no proof of income or assets. I personally have about 10 clients that buy properties each and every month. It is very exciting and you will get a rush of excitement as you see your empire grow.

Caution: Do not think this is easy and quick money, it is the opposite. It is slow growth and you need to be able to make the payments each month regardless if the tenant sends in their payment, so you will need reserves. What if the furnace goes out? Or the city finds repairs that need to be made in order to bave a renter move in, how will you pay for this? I am not trying to discourage anyone, but I will tell you how it is...the good, the bad, and the ugly. If you really want to build an empire and you are willing to devote time to learn and study, I can help you.

Always consult a financial consultant before investing or refinancing. Tbe above strategies may not be suitable for your risk tolerances. Always consult a professional before taking any actions mentioned above. This is for informational purposes only.

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Ides of March at Beverly Arts Center Nov. 22

(CHICAGO, Nov. 3, 2006) – Chicago's own Ides of March appear in concert at the Beverly Arts Center, 2407 W. 111th St. (111th Street south on Western), Chicago, 8 p.m. Wed., Nov. 22. On their play list are the powerhouse tunes they made famous: "Vehicle," their 1970 million-seller; "You Wouldn't Listen," their debut single that made it to #7 on Chicago's WLS survey in 1966; and "Finally Next Year," the song that cheered on the Cubs during their red-hot 2003 season.

Formed in 1965 when they were in high school, band members Jim Peterik (lead vocal, lead guitar), Larry Millas (vocals, guitar, bass), Bob Bergland (bass, vocals, sax), Mike Borch (drums, vocals), Chuck Soumar (trumpet, percussion, vocals), and John Larson (trumpet, vocals), the Ides of March were popular locally, playing for teen clubs and sock hops. With the release of their first single the band's reputation grew tremendously, and they started touring throughout the US and Canada on weekends while still in school.

When Warner Bros. records signed them and released "Vehicle," they got their big break. The song went to #2 in Billboard, and was the fastest breaking single in Warner Bros. history.

Vocal harmonies and trademark driving brass made Ides of March one of Chicago's favorite hometown bands. Lead singer/guitarist and songwriter Jim Peterik, (who recorded the hit "Eye Of The Tiger" with his band Survivor in the 1980s while Ides of March was on sabbatical), penned the band's rock and roll tunes that have stood the test of time including "L.A. Goodbye" and "Age Before Beauty."

Hear the Ides of March in the BAC's 400-seat state-of-the-art theater. Tickets $25. Call 773-445-3838 or buy online, www.beverlyartcenter.org.

2006-2007 *Kraft Family Matinee Series* Kicks Off On Saturday, November 18 With Music And Dance

Traditions Of Cultures Around The World In *A World Of Music, A World Of Dance*
Symphony Center's yearlong Silk Road celebration continues with an exploration of music and dance

CHICAGO— The Chicago Symphony Orchestra's 2006-2007 *Kraft Family Matinee Series* opens on Saturday, .November 18 at 11:00 a.m. and at 12:45 p.m. with a Silk Road-inspired exploration of music and dance when members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and soloists from the Chicago Symphony Chorus, along with guest artists from Chicago's Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater and Natya Dance Theatre, take the audience on a musical adventure around the globe. *Kraft Family Matinee Series* concerts are recommended for families with children ages 5 and up.

In *A World of Music, A World of Dance*, conductor Duain Wolfe brings musicians and dancers together in a program of beloved masterpieces by Bernstein, Bizet, Williams, Rimsky-Korsakov, Delibes, Albéniz, and Tchaikovsky that were inspired by the music and dance traditions of cultures around the world, from Spain to India, Arabia and Russia. The program culminates with the two dance ensembles onstage in a final choreographic collaboration set to Bernstein's Overture to *Candide*. Pre-concert activities to include members of the two dance ensembles begin one hour before each family concert in the Symphony Center Rotunda.

Ensemble Español Spanish Dance Theater, under the artistic leadership of founder Dame Libby Komaiko, is celebrating its 30th anniversary as the premier Spanish dance center in the United States to have residence status at a state university, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago. The Ensemble is chartered to share the rich traditions of the dance, music, art, literature, and culture of Spain in the classical, folkloric and Flamenco styles, at the community, state, national and international levels. The company of 40 dancers, singers, and musicians is a mosaic of world cultures—Spanish, Puerto Rican, Mexican, Columbian, Peruvian, Chilean, Guatemalan, and Honduran, as well as roots in Hispanic/Middle Eastern and Hispanic/European cultures.

Natya Dance Theatre was founded in Chicago in 1975 by choreographer and dancer Hema Rajagopalan. The company began as a school to teach Bharata Natyam, the classical dance form of India, to new generations; Ms. Rajagopalan expanded her school into a nonprofit organization encompassing the school and the dance company with the community's support. In Bharata Natyam, highly trained dancers perform precise hand gestures, intricate footwork, vivid facial expressions, and fluid movement. The dance pieces often incorporate ideas, stories, and myths from ancient texts while transforming them into contemporary context. Nearly 900 students have participated in Natya classes, summer camp and residencies over the past 30 years, promoting the values of Indian culture, preserving an ancient art form, and forging links among Indian, American and other cultures.

Conductor **Duain Wolfe** is in his 13th season as director of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, having been appointed to the position by Daniel Barenboim in the spring of 1994. Director and conductor of the CSO's popular *Welcome Yule!* concerts, Mr. Wolfe also has conducted members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in CSO education performances including *My Own True Voice, Voices in Song, A Company of Critters, Do Re Meowzart, Stomp Your Foot, Parade,* and *Magical Movements*. Well known for his work with children, in 1999 Duain Wolfe retired from the Colorado Children's Chorale, an organization that he founded and conducted for 25 years. Under his leadership, the CCC grew to six choirs and toured 47 states (under the auspices of Columbia Artists), as well as Europe and Asia.

Silk Road Chicago (www.silkroadchicago.org) is an unprecedented collaboration among the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, and Yo-Yo Ma's Silk Road Project, along with many Chicago cultural and community organizations. The *Silk Road Chicago* project was initiated by acclaimed cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who dreamed of bringing the historic Silk Road, and the ideas that it represents, to life in Chicago, one of the most diverse cities in the world.° *Silk Road Chicago* offers the rare opportunity for the city to celebrate the arts together—transforming Chicago through hundreds of performances, exhibitions, and special events citywide, exploring cross-cultural discovery and celebrating the rich artistic legacy of the Silk Road, in an extended yearlong schedule of events through June 2007.

Tickets: $7-$32. Tickets can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at 312-294-3000 or 800-223-7114, or by visiting either the CSO's Web site at www.cso.org or the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60604. Box Office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. For group rates, please call 312-294-3040. Artists, programs, and ticket prices are subject to change.

Willowbrook Ballroom Dances and Classes Nov. 20-26

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Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.
7:30 - 10 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21 - **Country and Western Dance - $7**
Lessons take place from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
C&W dancing continues from 9 - 10 p.m.
7:30 - 11 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22 - **Salsa Night - $10**
Beginners' salsa lessons are from 7:30 – 8 p.m.
intermediate/advanced lessons are from 8:15 – 8:45 p.m.
open dancing continues from 8:45 – 11 p.m.
8 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., Friday, Nov. 24 - **Good Time Charley Singles Dance - $9**
Singles from all over Chicagoland attend this night of dancing and socializing.
Willowbrook's own D.J. spins the latest hits.
Dancers are encouraged to wear proper attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.
2 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26 - **Sunday Afternoon Ballroom Dance - $14**
The Teddy Lee Orchestra will provide live ballroom music.
Proper attire is required. No jeans or gym shoes please.
6:30 – 10:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 26 - **Sunday Night Swing Dance - $10**
D.J. Riley will provide jumpin' jivin' swing music.
Basic swing lessons are from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Open dancing follows.
Dancers are encouraged to attend in vintage attire. No jeans or gym shoes please.
For more information, call (708) 839-1000, or visit www.willowbrookballroom.com.

Noble Fool Theatricals' Youth Ensemble Debuts to Sold Out Performances of "High School Musical"

November 25 – December 30, 2006 - St. Charles, IL October 19, 2006 Noble Fool Theatricals Youth Ensemble makes their debut with the hit musical, "High School Musical," making this amateur one-act production one of the first Chicagoland premieres at Pheasant Run Resort & Spa Mainstage Theater (4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL; telephone 630-584-6342). The musical is directed by Dan Walsh. Musical director is Ken Jones.

"High School Musical" opens Saturday, November 25, 2006 and continues through Saturday, December 30, 2006. Tickets are priced at $12 on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

This inaugural production of the Noble Fool Theatricals Youth Ensemble has allowed 41 area young people to learn the craft of theater by working with Chicago area theater professionals. The program includes a rigorous emphasis on professional choreography, music direction, music memorization and character development. The cast has been rehearsing three times a week and will present six Saturday performances for the public.

"We couldn't have asked for a better community response to our first offering of educational programs," says Artistic Director John Gawlik. "Auditions were filled with many local kids who were very excited about being a part of this production. The public has also shown a great interest in seeing the show. In fact, our first performance on November 25 sold out within 10 days," adds Gawlik. "Plans for our next youth ensemble production are already in the works."

Since its Disney Channel premiere on January 20, 2006, "High School Musical" has been televised 13 times and was seen by over 37 million viewers, with its premiere creating household ratings records for Disney Channel. By the end of 2006, it will be televised in over 100 countries worldwide. The soundtrack remains the #1 top-selling album of the year-to date, while the DVD has sold over 2.3 million copies since its release in May–and is the best-selling TV movie on DVD of all time.

Disney's "High School Musical" book is by David Simpatico, original songs by Matthew Gerrard and Robbie Nevil; Ray Cham, Greg Cham and Andrew Seeley; Randy Petersen and Kevin Quinn; Andy Dodd and Adam Watts; Bryan Louiselle; David N. Lawrence and Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston. Music is adapted, arranged and produced by Bryan Louiselle. Based on a Disney Channel Original Movie written by Peter Barsocchini.

Pheasant Run Resort and Spa is located at 4051 E. Main St., St. Charles, IL. For tickets, call the Pheasant Run Box Office at 630-584-6342, or visit www.ticketmaster.com. Additional performance information may be obtained at www.noblefool.org.

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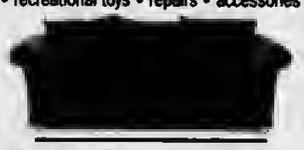

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It's for the birds

As gardeners, we tend to take one of the most interesting parts of our garden for granted - the birds! By providing birds with a few basic necessities, we can help these garden-dwellers survive through winter and provide a spark of color and interest during the cold months. These necessities include shelter, warmth, and food. First, locate your birdfeeder in a protected spot and close to an area of cover. This can be as simple as a brush pile, or as complex as a series of planted evergreens. Both provide adequate cover and warmth for your birds in the winter. Birdhouses are another form of winter protection. Ideally, at least 3/4 inch wood is used and foam or rubber weathering strips are placed in the cracks and extra holes. Finally, my most favorite way of providing winter protection is by leaving up the bottom part of those dead or dying trees. Not only can they provide winter interest in their natural state, but also it gives you the opportunity to create a birdhouse and sculpture of your own design.

Whit Conners,
Horticulturist

"Oh no...Unplanted Bulbs!!"

It happens all the time. You're cleaning up for the holidays and you find a bag of bulbs, purchased back in September or October, which you forgot to plant. Now the ground is frozen and you don't know what to do. Perhaps all is not lost. Many bulbs can be "forced"-planted in pots, given an artificial winter, and brought back into warmth in the spring to bloom. First, closely examine the bulbs. If they seem firm and not too dried out, they can probably be salvaged. Tulip bulbs are often too desiccated to be much good, but most daffodils and smaller bulbs like grape hyacinths "keep" longer and should work. Plant them in any type of container (as long as it has drain holes) and forget the standard rules of spacing and depth. You can plant them much closer together and as long as the soil covers the bulbs, you're OK. Water them once, stick a tag on them with the variety and date planted, and find a place where the temperature will remain between 32 and 45 degrees for the next three months. Your refrigerator is a good choice, but be careful if youstore fruit in your fridge. Ripening fruit gives off a gas that will destroy the forming flowers within the bulbs. A window well, a three-season porch, or a partially heated attached garage can work well – the idea is not to let the container freeze solid. Putting the pots in a box and covering them with styrofoam peanuts will help insulate them, as well as cushion them from wild temperature fluctuations that may trigger premature growth. Mark your calendar 14 weeks from the planting date, and on that day move the pot to a cool (45-60 degrees is ideal) but bright location, where regular growth should commence. When the blooms are ready to pop, you can bring them into your house to enjoy, but remember they'll last longer and be less floppy if you can keep them in a cooler location. It sounds like a lot of work, but it really isn't, and forcing bulbs is fun and relieves your guilt!

Christian Harper,
Staff Horticulturist

Blood Stains in Clothing

Blood stains in clothing need to be removed as soon as possible. Use cold water and wash out the stain. Hot water will set the blood and it will be difficult or impossible to get out.

The following is a suggestion sent via e-mail from "R". Thank you for your addition to this page!

"Hydrogen peroxide is the absolute best for removing blood stains. The fresher the easier of course, but even dried blood comes out with a little effort. The hydrogen peroxide seems to do no damage to any fabric I've tried it on."

Another suggestion from Wanda is to use Adolph's unseasoned meat tenderizer. Rinse in cold water, then sprinkle on the tenderizer and let sit for awhile and rinse again. May have to be repeated. Thanks, Wanda.

Garlic Odor on Hands

Have you ever peeled garlic or handled it and your hands smell to high heaven? The next time that happens, take any stainless steel bowl, pan or other stainless steel kitchen gigit and rub your hands on it. It will take away the smell of garlic. I'm not sure what makes this happen, but it works.

And here's a tip from a reader concerning smelly hands. "I have found that washing your hands with tootpaste gets rid of the odor." Thanks for the hint!

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Evergreen Park obtains financing for Franks property purchase

By Matt Mayer

The board unanimously voted to approve an ordinance at the Nov. 7 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting providing for the issuance of a $1.7 million general obligation promissory note for the purchase of the vacated Franks Nursery and Crafts at 3720 W. 95th Street, which has been vacant since 2005 after the company filed for bankruptcy. The village made several efforts to work with the building owner and lease the property - there were interested parties, however they were to no avail.

This process began in May when the village negotiated the purchase of the property and at a board meeting last month, the board approved the purchase. The is one of the powers the village may utilize due to being a home rule unit. The financial agreement is with Marquette Bank - the note was issued Nov.15 with a final payoff date of September 1, 2011. The village can now become more aggressive in the sale of the property being that it is now village owned. This also allows the village additional control regarding how it is developed. Mayor James Sexton hopes to resell the property in a relatively short period of time. The proceeds of the sale of the property will allow the village to pay the loan off in full, therefore retiring the loan sooner.

This property is part of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, which was created in November 2000. A TIF district uses tax revenues to finance improvement within the district and is also free from local taxing bodies such as schools and libraries. A TIF also allow incentives for developers. The maximum life of a TIF is 23 years.

Evergreen Park finalizes fiscal year

By Matt Mayer

The brief meeting of the Evergreen Park Board of Trustees swiftly moved thru the agenda. The board approved Mayor James Sextons request to grant authorization for a resolution so as to finalize the fiscal year budget. An ordinance reserving volume cap in connection with provides activity bond issues by the village was also approved. A municipality with home rule status annually is granted a certain allocation of industrial revenue bonds, which allows the municipality to borrow monies at a relativity low interest rate. By selling the revenue bonds to other municipalities creates a two-fold benefit. It allows other municipalities the opportunity to acquire industrial revenue bonds. As well as securing the annual bonds the village receives. If the bonds were not sold the allocation to the village would expire.

A businesses license was approved for Circle K Shell 1264 at 10258 S. Kedzie Avenue due to a change of ownership. The Household Hazardous Waste Program, which was held on Saturday Oct. 21, will be held again. Household hazardous materials are collected yearly at a specific sit determined by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, information regarding drop off dates and locations may be obtain by calling the MWRD at 312.751.6633 or on the web at www.mwrdgc.dst.il.us/

Also recycling guides are available free of charge at the village hall. The recycling guide features organizations/ businesses that accept computers, cell phones. Furniture, fire extinguishers, packing peanuts, used motor oil, vehicle batteries etc. the village offers one of the most expansive recycling programs, some 2,000 tons of recycled materials are diverted from landfills annually. Sexton was also instrumental in developing the blue bag-recycling program, which has been in effect in excess of ten years. Bags are available at the village hall and information regarding the recycling program may be obtained by calling the village hall at 422-1551.

Handyman Network - Bridgeview Gives Back to Our Veterans

Encourages Nominations from Local Community

Bridgeview, IL (Grassroots Newswire) November 8, 2006 — Handyman Network announced a contest that will provide free handyman services to veterans or currently serving U.S. military personnel or their families. According to Terry Anderson, of Handyman Network - Bridgeview this unique program will launch this month in an effort to recognize the many men and women who have put their lives on the line to serve our country and protect our freedom.

"We are ecstatic to be able to do this for our local community," Anderson said. "We are proud to honor America's veterans for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Our 'Giving Back to Our Veterans' program will run for at least the next twelve months to support our belief that veterans should be honored throughout the entire year."

Residents are encouraged to salute a veteran, a service man or woman, or their families by nominating them for a day (8 hours) of free handyman services. Area residents can nominate someone worthy by visiting the Handyman Network Web site at www.handyman-network.com. The nomination form will include the nominee's name, address, contact information, a one or two paragraph statement explaining why they think their nominee deserves the award and a short description of what handyman services are needed. Handyman Network will collect the nominations and select a winner.

The winner's name and city, along with his or her photograph in their home with the handyman performing the work, will also be posted on the company's local Web site.

"By involving our local community members in this salute to our veterans and soldiers, we not only give back to our brave soldiers, but we also serve our community as a whole and the many customers who support us by using our services for their home repair and improvement needs," Anderson said. "We know that our friends and customers in the community know someone who wishes they could have work done around their home and we want to help them make that wish come true. Maybe their neighbor is a war veteran who needs ramps built or hand rails installed – perhaps there's a young mother in their church whose husband is currently serving in Iraq and she needs help around the house – they may have a family member who was disabled in service – these are the people we want to hear about and help."

For more information, please contact Handyman Network - Bridgeview, or visit the company's Web site at www.handyman-network.com.

Read Jacki Mari on Page 6!

Oak Lawn to install red light cameras

By Matt Mayer

The board approved a contract at the Nov. 14, Board of Trustees meeting with Red Flex Traffic Systems of Scottsdale, AZ for the installation of red light cameras. Chicago began utilizing this equipment in 2003, which significantly increased the number of citations. Red Flex is currently installing 500 additional cameras in the city. Due to their expansion, Red Flex plans on opening a regional office in the Chicago and area.

Red Flex performed a survey of the village's intersections and suggested that the village beginning with the installation of the cameras at the following three intersections. 95th and Cicero eastbound; 95th Street and Cicero Avenue southbound; 93rd street and southwest highway east bound. The surveyed revealed the worst problems existed at 95th Street and Cicero Avenue eastbound and 93rd street and Cicero Avenue eastbound. Each of these intersections averaged thirty violations per day.

The terms of the contract contains a "Cost Neutrality" clause, which guarantees that the village will not be responsible for payment of the equipment nor the processing of citations. All fees will be derived from the fines received. The clause also states that if the fines received do not total enough to pay the fees, these fees then will be rolled over to future months until there is a sufficient amount received.

The fees are $4,395 per month per intersection and $4.80 per month per citation processed. The implementation of photo red enforcement has proven to reduce the number of violations by half within a matter of months. Red Flex will also be responsible for the installation costs as well as periodic updates and ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

In addition the village has been awarded a grant for photo red enforcement.° The police department will submit a proposal to the state requesting that the funds be used to cover related costs for a period of six months - for the three systems.

Mayor Dave Heilmann announced that the fees for the Metra parking garage will increase from $1 per day to $2 dollars and quarterly parking permits, which are only available to residents, would increase from $75 to $100 per quarter. Finance Director Gail Paul said that the increase is needed to cover maintenance costs. The next meeting is Dec. 12.

School Board Election in Evergreen Park

An information packet regarding the April 7, 2007 School Board Election in Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 is available in the Administrative Office at 9400 South Sawyer. Evergreen Park, IL 60805.

Hours are Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm. Candidates interested in running should download a copy of the Candidate's Guide 2007. Instructions are included with the necessary paperwork for filing. The State Board of Elections can be reached as follows: State Board of Elections, James R Thompson Center, Suite 14-100, Chicago IL 60601, phone 312-814-6440 www.elections state ilus/. A candidate's nominating papers must be filled in the Administrative office no earlier than 8am on January 29, 2007 and no later than 5 pm on February 5. 2007. Candidates names will appear on the election ballot in the order in which their nominating papers are received in the Secretary's office.

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Hometown News

Army Reserve Pvt. Cesare J. Dordies has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Dordies earned distinction as an honor graduate.

The private's mother, Joann Christmas, resides on S. Troy St., Evergreen Park, Ill.

In 2006, Dordies graduated from Evergreen Park High School.

Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Scott P. Bulthuis has deployed to Iraq to support the mission of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Iraqi Freedom is the official name given to military operations involving members of the U.S. armed forces and coalition forces participating in efforts to free and secure Iraq. Mission objectives focus on force protection, peacekeeping, stabilization, security and counter-insurgency operations as the Iraqi transitional governing bodies assume full sovereign powers to govern the peoples of Iraq.

Members from all branches of the U.S. military and multinational forces are also assisting in rebuilding Iraq's economic and governmental infrastructure, and training and preparing Iraqi military and security forces to assume full authority and responsibility in defending and preserving Iraq's sovereignty and independence as a democracy.

Bulthuis, a horizontal construction equipment supervisor, is a member of the 863rd Engineer Battalion based in Darien, Ill.

He is the son of Peter Jay Bulthuis of Lebanon, Mo., and Annette G. Bulthuis of Worth, Ill.

The staff sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Chicago Christian School, Palos Heights, Ill.

Air Force Airman John A. Vega has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Pamela Vega of Sacramento Drive, Merrionett Park, Ill.

Vega is a 2006 graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School, Blue Island, Ill.

Wishing you and yours a bountiful Thanksgiving

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Talk to your travel agent and have all the arrangements, especially transportation, done well in advance. Pack early and plan to have someone take your wedding gown and return the groom's formal wear. Pack all tickets and credit cards in a safe place and have a separate sheet with all the numbers on it. This is in case of emergency. Be prepared and have all medications refilled and bring a bottle of aspirin. These are just some of the things brides neglect when caught up in the excitement of the big day.

Another important thing is to bring a good camera with plenty of film. You'll want to capture all the important memories on this special trip. If you're using a digital camera, be sure to charge batteries and bring the charger with. Also, be sure that you have enough disk storage space for all the photos you'll want to save.

Travel is fun but exhausting too. Try to spend time together alone at your home before you return to the real world as "Mr. and Mrs."

Your wedding is special. A heart that loves, bonds. Best wishes.

Carlene O'Connor

Thank You For Your Support

I would like to thank you and the Burbank and surrounding communities for supporting my Eagle Service Project, Operation Support Our Troops, Christmas Drive for Our Troops. Through the door-to-door drive and the drop off locations, we were able to collect over 3,100 pounds of comfort items and 1,300 signed Christmas Cards! On November 4th, Boy Scout Troop #652, family, and friends collected, sorted, and delivered these donations to Operation Support Our Troops, Inc.-IL. They will ship the comfort items and cards to the troops in harms way for Christmas. I sincerely appreciate your support of my Eagle Project. With all of the support that was given, this project was an enormous success!

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If a Medicare beneficiary did *not* select a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan prior to May 15, 2006, this six-week period is the ONLY chance to get into a Prescription Drug Plan for 2007. You should begin at www.medicare.gov. If you look at the left side of your computer screen, you'll see Plan Choices. This is a great place to start shopping. Follow the prompts and you will find that Medicare has laid out all options in an easy to compare fashion.

Don't pass up the opportunity to look into Medicare Advantage Plans. These plans typically cost less than Medicare supplements and most include the Prescription Drug coverage. Some of these plans have no additional premium and some even have no deductible for the drug coverage. When comparing Medicare Advantage Plans, besides looking at premiums and deductibles, compare co-pays for seeing specialists, how much you will pay when hospitalized, and look carefully at the drug coverage.

Shop wisely and don't hesitate to contact Medicare by phone at 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.) Another resource is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which offers sites across the state with volunteers who have been specially trained, and who can help you make the choice that's best for you. Call Illinois' Dept of Insurance SHIP program at 1-800-548-9034. You can also inquire at your preferred hospital to see if they offer SHIP counseling services – which are always free.

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for November 21st: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com & click on AstroXtras* & visit *JackiMari.Com. Telafriend!*

Happy Thanksgiving

Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: A money matter seems to take care of itself soon. Health improves, love renews & all is terrific!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: You may decide on travel plans. You surely need to get away & regroup. L helps, ask.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: This is one of your better weeks to get things done that truly "need doing."

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You could be visited by an Angel this week. Some Angels may be friends who know your needs.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: It is never too late to say "thanks" or look back and ask what you learned from all that adversity you've dealt with.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Read the above message & add this: V or D may come into your life as a help…or a hindrance. You decide.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: You may want to change your habits, such as eating, exercising or smoking, etc.

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Pay attention to money-making opportunities. You are on the win-side.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Read the above message & add this: seems like a windfall, money, knowledge, etc.

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For **1 or 2 questions go online** to ***ePSYCHICanswers*** in ***JackiMari.Com***. Have a **Psychic House Party** with me. Call **708-597-5866 for information.**

Self-Hypnosis Class [Visualization] at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] 11-29 at 7pm. **Mini-Psychic Sessions** at the ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] 11-20 from 7 pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the **Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for my Services** [by appt. only]. **Available** for ***Speaking Engagements***

Psychic Insights

Questions and Psychic Answers

Happier Holidays

There are always going to be things in the future to be thankful for, as well as things to be grateful for right now, but the first to consider is "family." Jeanne S. says, "I have no one, not one family member to share Holidays with, & it is lonely & always difficult not to envy those people who do have someone to care & share life with. I am a Sagittarius born on the 19th so I also have the Leo part to deal with according to you. What can I do to feel better during the upcoming Holidays?" Find an organization that has people who need a meal & offer to buy one for someone. Check into this, you'll be happier.

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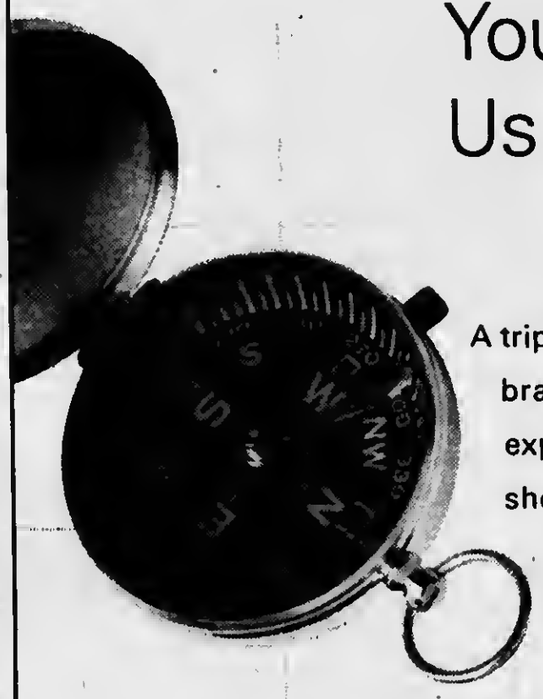
Two Great Shows at Chicago Ridge Public Library

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, is hosting an author visit from Frank Joseph, author of ***To Love Mercy*** on Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. ***TO LOVE MERCY*** portrays 1940s Chicago from the view of two boys, one white and one black. Trying to be friends in spite of their parents' opinions proves difficult, and the boys soon realize that personal choices are rarely easy. South Siders will reminisce at the scenes of Riverview amusement park, Old Comiskey Park, Bronzeville, the Maxwell Street flea market and more. Mr. Joseph has made the Chicago radio circuit; Rick Kogan of WGN and Vanessa Bush of NPR Chicago have interviewed him recently about the book. Copies of the book are available at the library's circulation desk. Call the library at 423-7753 if you have any questions.

The Chicago Ridge Public Library, 10400 S. Oxford, welcomes the Holiday Season on Sunday, December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. with a Yuletide Celebration from the George Bernard Shaw Chicago Theatre Company. Enjoy a fun filled collection of stories and poems celebrating holiday classics like the "Gift of the Magi" to modern masterpieces like "How the Grinch stole Christmas" performed by the talented actors of Shaw Chicago. All ages can join the fun of this free program. Call the library at 423-7753 to reserve a seat!



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Kathy's Kaleidoscope

THANKSGIVING - A FAMILY TIME OF YEAR

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The memory is many years old now, but its impact has never been forgotten. The lesson learned happened about 15 years ago. My sister and her two young sons had just moved to Portland Oregon to live with our bachelor brother, who had settled there after retiring from the Navy.

My parents were planning a trip there, to visit them, and it soon turned into a family affair. One call to the travel agent and 3 more people were added to the flight - my 2 girls and I.

We stayed for 3 weeks, which didn't sound like a terribly long time, at first, but after the first few days the girls missed their friends and I so dearly missed my husband.

Time did eventually pass, as it always does, and soon we found ourselves back at the Portland airport. It had been nice to see my sister, nephews and brother but I was more than happy to be going home.

As we stood waiting to board the plane, I noticed that my mom was staring intently at my brother and sister and the boys, with tears running down her cheeks. When I asked what was wrong she shrugged her shoulders and quietly remarked that she was worried it might be the last time she sees them.

I remember impatiently nudging her along, telling her she was being ridiculous. Of course she'd see them again. What I remember, most when I recall that moment, is that I was frazzled, with 2 kids in tow, trying to make sure we all got to our seats, and I didn't have any time for what I sensed was a melancholy mood from Mom.

Shortly after that visit, my sister and her children moved back to Chicago. As for my brother, he stayed in Oregon, living once again as a bachelor, none the worse for wear.

My mom never did see her first born son again. Well, in a manner of speaking she did. He walked into her hospital room literally minutes before the doctor disconnected her from life support.

The tears running down her face told the tale that cold and snowy March morning. My mother had been right. Her wisdom was far beyond my years.

That day in the airport was, unbeknownst to any of us, her final good bye to her son.

Sometimes we take so much for granted. When we're young we so foolishly think that time will forever be ours. The truth is that none of us knows when a simple good bye may be permanent.

Consider the saying that has a soft scented sentiment. "Give Me The Roses While I Can Smell Them' - or better yet - Why not *give* the roses while the other person can still smell them? Don't be stingy with compliments. Never hesitate to share your feelings with those you love. It's never too late to express the joy someone has brought to your life.

If someone has made a difference in your life, then make a difference in theirs by telling them so.

Don't wait until your thoughts and memories of someone come in the form of a eulogy because it won't matter then.

This Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving, and with its dawning we will have yet another chance to gather round the family table to share the bounty of togetherness with loved ones. Make it as special as you can.

Express yourself this Thanksgiving, in kind words, in good deeds, in gratefulness for all those you love and for all those who love you too.

You reap what you sow, so sow a harvest of blessings as you spend quality time reconnecting with the people who mean the most - your family and friends.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING - TO YOU ALL
ENJOY GOD'S GIFTS OF GRACE IN THE SEASON OF FALL.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ~

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness. (Charles Haddon Spurgeon.)

Richards to host open house for 8th grade students, parents

Harold L. Richards High School will host its annual open house for seventh and eighth grade students and their parents on Thursday, November 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Richards is located at 10601 S. Central Ave. in Oak Lawn.

Open house will include a wide range of presentations and demonstrations about Richards' academic programs, extracurricular activities and athletic teams. Counselors also will discuss academic planning for high school and college.

In addition to the presentations and demonstrations, administrators, teachers and counselors will be available to talk with parents and students.

Holly Trolley Shuttles Shoppers Down 95TH Street to Plaza and Wall-Mart

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HICKEY'S REAL ESTATE CORNER

Columnist: Jim Hickey

"Dear Jim, is it better to sell my home by owner or with a realtor?

This is really up to how much Time you have and how much "selling" you want to do. Yes you can save thousands selling your home by yourself, but watch out, there are many companies that will tell you they can help you sell your home for only a $3000 flat fee. What they fail to inform you of is that you owe them this money regardless of whether or not they have sold your property. Then the client owes $3000 and still may have to call a realtor to sell their property. If have time and want to try to sell your home by owner, give it twenty one to thirty days maximum. If you are not getting any good contracts, call a professional ASAP. Remember, most qualified buyers are using a realtor to find a home because it costs them nothing to buy a home, and people that have not been qualified need to be qualified before you look at or accept any offers. A very important point: I have a lot of friends that are police officers and they have told me about burglars that pretend to be interested in buying your home and are actually seeing how they can break in. They are asking if you have an alarm, where it is located, checking the windows, etc. I have always used a realtor to purchase and sell my properties.

"Dear Jim, I keep reading about 100% financing. If this is true, why does everyone own a home instead of renting?"

Very good point. Yes there are loans that are 100% financing and with a good realtor you will need no money out of your pocket and will actually get cash back at closing. Not everyone can qualify for 100% financing, because it is based upon your credit scores, total monthly income and total monthly debt payment. For most 100% programs you will need a 580 or higher credit score to qualify (Scores range from 400 to 900). There are programs that you do not need to prove income or show debt but you will need to have reserves (money in savings or retirement) and you will need a 640 or higher credit score. If someone is really truly interested in owning their own home and they are willing to establish their credit, I can help them and usually within 12 months they will be living the American Dream being a landowner instead of a renter.

Always consult a financial consultant before investing or refinancing. The above strategies may not be suitable for your risk tolerances, always consult a professional before taking any actions mentioned above. This is for informational purposes only.

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For more information on Buying or Selling a Home or Getting a Mortgage, Please contact JIM HICKEY at 708-233-1414 Ext 12.

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Boys/Girls Teen Basketball League

Tinley Park, Illinois, November 17, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District is now accepting registrations for the boys and girls teen basketball leagues. Girls in grades 6 through 8 and boys in grades 7 through 9 will play in separate leagues on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January and running through April. Some practices may be held on Saturdays. Games will be held at the Bettenhausen Recreation Center and various area schools. The resident fee of $65 and non-resident fee of $98 includes a t-shirt, games and practices. The schedule will average 1 practice and 1 game per week. Space is limited! For additional information please contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

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Letter to the Editor

Dr Briscoe:

Pursuant to our conversation of 11/07/06. Republican judge of election, Mr Al Wolf (a foreperson of judges from the 99th precinct) was observed by myself, assisting Senior Voters by: Providing false information to voters that the referendum was to "increase property taxes to build a new theater at the high school."

This is a gross violation of giving false/misleading information. A blatant attempt to discourage voters against the referendum for school district 229. Judges are prohibited by election rules from providing false information to any voter seeking clarification on a ballot. Any judge(s) who provide(s) such false information, is tampering with a voter election outcome. A judge who fails to report such a violation, is as guilty of misconduct as the judge(s) who committed the act. Judges need to be removed from future elections for violations that obstruct due process.

The Worth Township Republicans (thru their precinct captains) hand pick their respective judges. These are not people who are in a position to claim "mea culpa" on any voter referendum. Besides counting votes, this is their job: To ensure a fair election is conducted without any undue influence, irregularity, or bias toward none.This is why election judges are prohibited from wearing campaign buttons in the polling place.

If a judge does understand what the referendum is, they have a legal and moral obligation not to comment. If any judge (regardless of party affiliation) witnesses a judge misleading a voter seeking assistance, they are required to report the violation with the county clerks office. At the very least, any judge who observes any impropriety is expected to issue a verbal warning to the responsible party not to commit the offense again. This should not be the job of you or I. Mr Wolf is an experienced judge of every election. In my nine years of voting in this neighborhood, Mr. Wolf is a judge of election, every time. Mr. Wolf knew exactly what he was doing, he chose to act as he did, fearing no one would cry "wolf".

My father was a former treasurer for the Worth Township Republican Organization. He served as a precinct captain for 3 different precincts in Oak Lawn. In my neighborhood, my mother served as a Republican judge of election at the polling place that doubled as a fire house. My parents volunteered for decades because they believed in the power of the vote, and will of the people.

I have served as a poll watcher for NBC News. My responsibility: Observe and report the election results to WMAQ from the polling place assigned to me. I have also served as a poll watcher at my union's local election. We follow guidelines identical to those applied at polling places on election day. I am not an expert, but I know what is/is not appropriate conduct of a judge of election.

Did you as promised, file a complaint of voter irregularities against the Republican judges who (thru Al Wolf's own admission) misinformed voters requiring assistance by giving the above statement? I will swear under oath what transpired while I was voting.

We are aware that you will have to work with the decision. We however, will have to live *and* pay for the decision.

It *does not* take a village to raise a child: It takes a village to *educate* a child.

Dr. Briscoe, The village awaits your answer.

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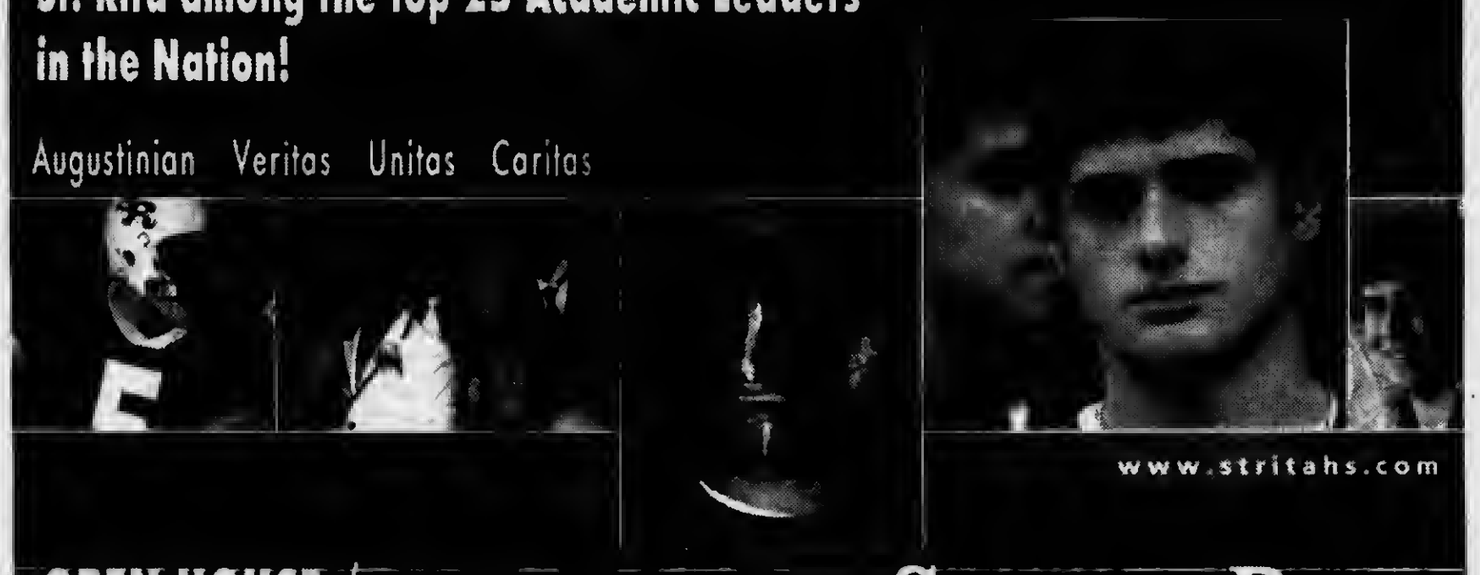

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Black Ensemble Revue of Soulful 60's sings

by Marijo Doody

The BET performed a decade of great soul songs in the world premier of Those Sensational Soulful Sixties. Artistic Director of BET, Jackie Taylor has branched out with this musical revue and it is presented in a Las Vegas style night club at the Black Orchid in Piper Alley. This fills a void missing in the Chicago entertainment scene.Baby boomers of all colors swooned and want to dance and sing to the sample of works of many of the great singers of the decade. Singers performed as Sam Cooke, Aretha Franklin, Otis Redding, The Temptations, The Supremes, Patti La Belle, The Four Tops, Gladys Knight, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Tina and Ike Turner, Etta James .and Mahalia Jackson. Patti LaBelle's Somewhere Over the Rainbow brought down the house. Nine lucky audience members got to dance and jive with the performers. Taylor has become an expert in talent with song. The singers that performed are young and very talented.Women singers were Stephanie Booth, Melanie McCullough, Melva Rogers Williams and Marilyn Grives. I met Marilyn at the reception. She did Ella! She still sings gospel on the south side of Chicago on Sunday at church when able and thanks God for her opportunity to display her talent.

Men singers were Kenny Davis, Rashan Thompson, Byron Glen Willis, Thooe Huff, and David Simmon. They all feel blessed and thankful for the opportunity to perform Black Ensemble. It is no doubt the show is an audience pleaser. It runs through December 31.Call 312-944-2200 for $45 tickets. In a conversation with Miss Taylor at the show reception, I suggested they record a CD of the music and use it to sell to benefit AIDS research. Maybe they will do it! People will snap it up! It is happy music with soul. Go see the revue for the holidays. It runs Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are $45 and it is worth seeing.

Happy Thanksgiving from Village View Newspaper and Staff

A Jewel is in the Southwest Symphony

by Marijo Doody

Recently the opportunity was presented to attend a rehearsal and meet the Director of the Southwest Symphony Orchestra. This is a gem in our suburban area. Its current Music Director is David Crane, a very talented musician from Skokie. His conducting technique reminds me of the passionate Italian conductors I have seen.

At the break one of the timpanist indicated Crane conducts the New Year's Eve program at Symphony Center. The rehearsal first number was selections from Phantom of the Opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber. This was in the recent program because this year is the 20th anniversary of the musical. Mr. Crane indicated it had grossed $3.3 billion in staging receipts.

The story of Phantom of the Opera is told in music and costume and is therapy for the listener. Musically the horn playing is very much like Mahler moments. In directing, Crane signaled different passages for work.

There was a lovely sound with flute, keyboard, synthesizer and triangle.

Percussion had big moments, then horns and brass with melody and a climax with every instrument and at the end the triangle. Orchestra set up was similar to that used by the Chicago Symphony. Strings in the front, all around, with violin, viola and cello in semi-circle. In the center were flutes, oboe, clarinet and bassoon. To the right of the conductor and back were horns and brass. In the back area were percussion, tympani, base and keyboard.

The Southwest Symphony should not be a well-kept secret! Let the word out!

Parts of Scheherade with concert-master Remus Bodea, violin soloist were done. His tones and playing were praised by Conductor Crane and it was lovely. He was one of the talented musicians and has been with the orchestra for four years.

Many of the string players are 20 year members. Two sisters from Lombard also play with the Elmhurst Symphony. A timpanist has been with the group for over 10 years and next month will play in the Do It Messiah.

One of the violinists said her first teacher was a conductor when she was a child and her goal was to play in the SWS. She has played now for ten years. SWS members are from Flossmoor, Joliet, New Lenox, Blue Island, Oak Lawn, Chicago Heights, Tinley Park, Chicago, Lombard, Downers Grove to name a few places.

The SWS was founded in April 1964 and its first concert was at Evergreen Park High School conducted by Alfred Aulwurm, founder. David Crane took over in 1990 as conductor and Music Director.

As of 2002 most concerts are at Trinity Christian College Auditorium in Palos Heights. The 2006-07 season theme is Symphonic Nights. The holiday concert is December 3, 2006 at 4pm at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park.

Call 708-802-0686 for tickets. Prices are $20, $16 seniors and $5 students. Three choral groups will also perform.

Dance Center spotlights artist from around the world

In February and March 2007 artists from Japan, Vietnam, South Africa and the US are featured. Dancers will participate in Dance Masters, a series of community master classes presented by the Dance Center's Community Outreach and Education Office in collaboration with the Department of Cultural Affairs in partnership with Hedwig Dances, Links hall and Lou Conte Dance Studio, Studio of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago and Hubbard Street 2. The classes are for dancers at the intermediate level or higher.

Discussions with artists will follow most Thursday performances. For more information, call 312-344-8300 or visit www.dancecenter.org.

Noble Fool Pheasant Run Resort holiday program

Noble Fool Theatricals present the holiday musical and Fox Valley favorite, Roasting Chestnuts: Gina Wants You! Previews run November 15-18 and they open Saturday evening November 18 and run through Sunday, December 31, 2006. Tickets are $27-$37. Dinner shows are $46 and $56. The theater is located 4051 E Main Street, St Charles. For tickets call the box office at 630-584-6342.Also running is the Youth Ensemble with High School Musical. Tickets are $12 for Saturday at 10:30am. The Ensemble features area young people. Call the above number for more information.

Hubbard Street Dance unveils Dance Center

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago (HSDC) has completed a major renovation of the facade of its facility. In conjunction with this they have renamed the building located at 1147 W Jackson Blvd. the Hubbard Street Dance Center.

The facility has become an important resource to the Chicago community and art organizations worldwide. The Center houses five state of the art studios for HSDC's main company, and Hubbard Street 2 rehearsals and the Lou Conte DStudio. The Studio offers 60 classes a week and receives nearly 35000 student visits annually. The facade design lead was handled by Kueck and Sexton Architects. Sexton said, "The new facade is designed to reflect the vibrancy of this organization, the energy HSDC presents on stage as well as the company's vitality with in the Chicago cultural community."

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Visualize Your Lifestyle: Three New Approaches

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"Today, living in beautiful, welcoming and elegant surroundings is a luxury one shouldn't sacrifice. It's a need, an aspiration that is natural to us," said designer Pasquale Natuzzi. "And a way of living that improves our daily existence and with which we identify."

For example, Natuzzi offers the three lifestyle approaches-casual, urban and vintage-which each consider the total environment including furniture models and coverings, plus accessories, flooring and lighting to complement them.

Urban

The Urban concept is a cosmopolitan interpretation of the home. It's a way of furnishing that is masculine, yet sensual. Underpinned by rich, strong colors such as red, black and white, this palette is an excellent foil for the more theatrical colors of golden yellow, jade green and blue. New wood finishes in walnut and cheery and glowing satin metals enhance the Urban sensibility.

Sofas feature generous and embracing shapes that invite relaxation. Chairs with sleek lines and hidden details introduce a surprising comfort to modern design. Accessories couple silver with ceramic and highlight sinuous lines.

Vintage

Inspired by memories of generations past, the Vintage lifestyle takes its form from colonial, Victorian and Edwardian styles. It's a marriage of past memories and current life experiences. Patina and grace are found in design details and coverings such as Nubuck and nail heads. It features colors typically encountered in private clubs and libraries such as Cognac, Aged-Whiskies and Hot Buttered Rums.

Casual

Free-spirited, informal and harmonious sum up the lifestyle called Casual. Designed with family in mind, the look is best described as a day at the beach-a place where every day is a holiday. Warm and embracing, it's a habitat inspired by the Mediterranean coast.

A mix of comfort and love of nature-pale woods, natural tones-colors of water, sky and earth. The colors, textures and accessories all contribute to an atmosphere of inner balance and harmony.

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Oak Lawn Adopts Bowling Alley Ordinance

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the Nov. 28 Oak Lawn Board of Trustees meeting. The ordinance enacts a new section of a chapter of the village code regarding bowling alley hours. This ordinance was adopted after failing to achieve a verbal agreement to close at midnight with the owners of the Brunswick Zone bowling alley at 4700 W. 103rd Street, which has been the site of criminal activity over the past several years.

Oak Lawn Police responded to 180 incidents arising at the bowling alley in 2005 and have received at least one call per day until last February; most of those arrested were not from Oak Lawn but surrounding areas. One particular response call resulted in a person attempting to grab an officer's gun during a brawl.

Responding to village pressure, Brunswick Zone management began closing at midnight in March rather than 2 a.m. Brunswick Zone also began charging a $5 cover charge to patrons under 21 years of age and changed the type of music it played as well as adding weekend security officers. Disturbances began to decrease and village officials encouraged Brunswick to continue with the midnight closing.

Earlier this month, however, village officials received a letter from Brunswick Zone management which stated that they intend the return to the 2 a.m. closing on Nov 7, but wouldn't sell alcohol after midnight. At the previous board meeting, Trustee Steve Rosenbaumn said he was at the nearby Jewel Osco and discovered that customers would purchase alcohol around midnight to bring to Brunswick Zone.

The new ordinance states that the police department has informed the corporate authorities that bowling alleys have been the site of numerous police calls and contacts over the past several years and a significant number of incidents at bowling alleys involving police response occur late at night or in early morning hours. The village president and board of trustees believe and hereby declare that it is in the best interest of the village and its residents to require bowling alleys to be closed between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5 a.m.

The ability of village officials to impose this ordinance is one of the benefits of the village being a home rule unit. A home rule unit may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, including, but not limited to, the power to tax and incur debt. In this particular scenario, the ordinance was invoked in an effort to secure the area. The next meeting is Dec.12.

Read Jacki Mari on Page 6!

Pictured, left to right, are Richards High School National Honor Society members (front row) Jordan Reyes and Lina Bourjas and (back row) Steve McDermott, Mike Dvoracek and Ashley Rampick.

Richards NHS completes Thanksgiving food drive

During the week of November 13 through 17, the National Honor Society from Richards High School collected food to give to the needy. Representatives from various food pantries picked up the donated canned and boxed goods in time to distribute them for Thanksgiving.

NHS inspired classmates to donate by holding a contest: The second period class that collected the most items received a doughnut party. Karen Warmbir serves as faculty sponsor of NHS.

Oak Lawn Blood Drive Planned Dec. 7, 9 & 16

December 7, 2006
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LifeSource blood drive will be held at Advocate Christ Medical Center, Percy Hopkins Room A-Lower Level, Oak Lawn, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 7th. Donors must be 17 years old, 16 with a parent, weight of at least 110 pounds. For appointment or more information, call Jim Walsh at (708) 346-5581.

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Evergreen Park Approves Block Grant Project

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved a resolution at the Nov. 20 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting for a grant application for the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council local law enforcement block grant project for $15,276, which is administered by the Cook County Judiciary Committee for the federal fiscal year, 2005. The board also approved an ordinance amending a chapter of the municipal code pertaining to sections regarding powers and duties, training; fingerprinting; connection of certain crimes; and an article and section pertaining to special police regarding appointment; compensation and application as follows:

The Mayor, with the advise and consent of the Board of Trustees, may adopt auxiliary police officers in such number as the corporate authorities shall from time to time deem necessary and shall not be conservators of the peace. Auxiliary police officers shall not carry firearms except with the permission of the chief of police on designated assignments while in uniform, only if the officer has completed the required training promulgated by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

Auxiliary police shall have the following powers and duties when properly assigned and on duty: Aid or direct traffic; aid in the control of natural or man-made disasters; aid in case of civil disorder; crowd control; assist in the observation and detention of prisoners and patrol and guard public facilities and grounds. Prior to hiring, auxiliary police officers shall be fingerprinted and no auxiliary police officer, who has been convicted of a felony or any other crime involving moral turpitude, shall be hired.

The chief of police may, from time to time appoint as many special police officers as deemed necessary, with notification to the mayor and the board of trustees. Unless the mayor and board of trustees otherwise provide, special police officers shall serve without compensation. The free Holiday Trolley sponsored by the village, the Chamber of Commerce, the Plaza and Wal-Mart, for shoppers to go to and from the Plaza and Wal-Mart began operation on Nov 24 and will continue to operate on December 9, and the 16th from 12 p.m to 4 p.m. with stops along 95th Street at Harding, Ridgeway, Millard, Turner, Kedzie, Utica and California. As Mayor James Sexton likes to say "Keep the green in Evergreen."

The Holly Trolley Begins It's Holiday Run

The holiday shopping season kicked off in Evergreen Park on Friday November 24th. The Holly Trolley began it's free runs down 95th Street taking shoppers to Wal-Mart and The Plaza. The trolley is sponsored by Wal-Mart, The Plaza, The Evergreen Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Evergreen Park. Riders are picked up along 95th street at designated corners and taken to their shopping destinations on Saturdays through December 16th from 12:00-4p.m. All are welcome to ride the Holly Trolley enjoy Christmas music and receive coupons and treats. Contact Mary at 708-229-8219 for more information.

Pictured L-R Glenn Pniewski, Pres. of E.P. Chamber of Commerce, Clerk Cathy Aparo, Trustee Carol Kyle, Mrs. Terry Bosch, Trustee Jerry Bosch, Michelle and Kevin Pniewski, Lily and Cara Keane

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South Side Teams Excel

Congratulations go to Brother Rice Football Team. They took the Chicago City championship at a recent Soldiers Field battle. In the State 8A Championship finals the Mount Carmel Caravan lost to Wheaton Warrenville South Tigers at Champaign. In the State 7A finals, the St Rita Mustangs beat Lake Zurich in the title game. Former Bear and St Rita Mustang, Dennis Lick said there is nothing like championship football. Congratulations to the Caravan and Mustangs for their successes. That brings us to The Bears! Go Bears!

Doodlings

by Marijo Doody

The Chicago White Sox's and Sporting News recently announced that Jim Thome, White Sox slugger was named 2006 Major League Baseball AL Comeback Player of the Year Award presented by Viagra. Thome led wire-to- wire in the voting to win the award from the fans.

Thome re-established himself as one of the games' elite by hitting 42 home runs and driving in 109. Jim Thome homer was the last homer I saw at US Cellular this past summer. I met him the day I was in the dugout before a game with media. He was most gracious. The photo is a treasure. Of course I voted every time, as a fan, when I was at the Internet in the library. Chicago's politics is vote early and often! I also voted for Nomar (ex–Cub) and he won for the National League.

Thome's peers vote the Sporting News Award. He felt that Frank Thomas was just a deserving of the award. This was Jim Thome's first season with the Chicago White Sox. He said he would resume his daily back program after he returns home from a family vacation and resume baseball activities. We expect good things in 2007!

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Hometown News

Army Pfc. Michael V. Williams has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Robin Williams of W. 127th St., Alsip, Ill.

The private is a 2002 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School, Palos Heights, Ill.

Army National Guard Spec. Robert W. Ficht Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

He is the son of Patricia Ficht of W. 85th St. Burbank, Ill.

Ficht graduated in 2000 from Reavis High School, Burbank, and received a bachelor's degree in 2005 from St. Xavier University, Chicago, Ill.

Army Pvt. Christopher D. Skinner has graduated from the Mortuary Affairs Specialist Advanced Individual Training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The course is designed to train students in search and recovery operations, disinterment, identification, evacuation, and disposition of remains and personal effects; inventory and safeguard records and personal effects, and assist in performing mass casualty burials.

He is the son of Michelle M. and stepson of Craig E. Berman of S. Millard Ave., Evergreen Park, Ill.

Skinner is a 2004 graduate of Evergreen Park High School.

Army Pfc. Michael C. Hansen has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

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He is the son of Mark Wolf of Natalie, Oak Forest, Ill.

Mr. & Mrs. Warner

Limey at Large

"Come in. Sit Down." I accepted both invitations. "Do you like my new chair?" I shuffled my rump into the best position and relaxed back into the soft embrace of the cushions. "I got it out of the garbage." His eyebrows almost leaped off the top of his head. He had never seen anyone shift so fast. One moment I was laid out in his chair and the next I was vertical. I brushed at my trousers and gave him my 'look.'

He was completely unperturbed. "It's all right, I cleaned it." I gave the chair another inspection. It was clean, it was solid and it had obviously been very expensive when it first was sat upon.

The use of the word "garbage" had been a little casual and my vision of rat-infested, salad encrusted, festering dumps of furniture were inaccurate. I didn't even catch the telltale smell of mildew. This piece had clearly been given honorable retirement from a good home. I got the cooker on the street." I took careful note of the polished white enamel. "And the refrigerator too." I sat back in the garbage chair. Here was an entirely new aspect of the throwaway society. I had discovered the collect-it-up-again society. I know all about recycling metal and plastics and things, but recycled armchairs and cookers were a new idea to me.

Isn't it amazing how you hear of something for the first time and think what a wonderful new idea it is, only to discover that everybody is doing it? In the past week, I have discovered that half the people in New York furnish their homes with what other people throw away I decided already which half I am going to be in. I have started to keep a sharp lookout for some good stuff. I went to furnish a new business office but I think I am looking in the wrong places. All I have found so far is a chair with one leg missing and a locked file cabinet.

These were in the Garment District. They must be a bunch of cheapskates down there; using all their stuff until it is worn out. I shall go to Madison Avenue in the future, where there is a good chance of a locked file cabinet having something in it. Who knows, I may even find a castoff secretary that I can use? They throw away anything they have had more than three years in some swank offices.

You even find money in some of the better class stuff. A friend of mine found $4 in three pieces of furniture he had adopted. It paid for the cleaning fluid needed to remove the finger marks and gum blobs. Oh, how the other half lives. Just imagine being so rich that you throw out your office desk when there is no more room under the edge for your gum.

I used to be an inveterate collector of "useful" pieces of wood and metal, but living in the city has made me change my ways. Apartment living does not adapt to the necessity of storage. The night I put on my pajamas and backed into a splintery piece of timber propped against the dressing table was the turning point in that little habit. In any case, there are always unlimited dumpsters about the place, filled to overflowing with timber and bent metal of any dimension you require.

I think there must be a thriving industry in this city making patchwork quilts. I can't imagine what else you could do with some of the stuff I have seen being rescued from the bins of cuttings outside dressmaking places. If you are there at the right time, you can see flocks of women descend on a bin and absolutely ravage it. They are like starlings in a wormy garden and unfortunately, the bin looks as if a bunch of birds have been scratching in it after they have finished. If you plan to become a street comber, a word is in order. Like Shakespeare put it, all that glitters is not gold.

I went into Stephen's apartment the other day and I couldn't help but express my concern. "Stephen," I said, "Stephen, have you had a live polecat in here, my dear chap?" "I don't think so. Why?" "This place smells like a zoo." "Do you think it is my new rug?" "It is a polecat rug?" I approached the offending article and sniffed with care.

The hum from that rug was well matched in quality by its decrepit appearance. It was completely safe from moths, which could have died on contact, but that is not to say that it didn't show signs of the past attentions of the little beasts. "Stephen, how long have you had it?" "I just got it. I found it up the street."

I didn't have to be Sherlock Homes to read that rug. Clearly it had belonged to a lady who kept twin tigers on it. They hated baths and were not house- trained. Not only that, but the rug caught mange from them.

I took Stephen to get some rubber gloves so that he could put it out for some other collector.

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Breakfast with Santa at Oak Lawn Hilton

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St Laurence Alumni host Advent Mass and Brunch

The St Laurence High School Alumni Association will be hosting an Advent family mass and brunch at the school on Sunday, December 10 at 10am. Celebrant is chaplain, Fr. Norm Trela. Brunch will be served to all present and there are special activities for the children and maybe Santa will be there.

Reservations are $10 per person and children five and under free. The event is open to parents, students, alumni, and friends along with family members. Call the Office of Alumni Relations at 708-458-690-0 ex 254 and inform how many are in your family will attend. Make plans to join in worship, friendship and holiday fellowship.

Guitar Ensemble Performs Concert Dec. 9

SXU students and professor perform

Chicago (Nov. 22, 2006) – Saint Xavier University's Guitar Ensemble will present a concert under the direction of adjunct professor Frederick Miller at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, in McGuire Hall, 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago.

Music to be performed includes *Mysterious Barricades* by Francois Couperin, *Danzas Espanolas* No. 11 and 12 by Enrique Granados, *Sarabande & Variations* by George F. Handel, and movements by Claudio Monteverdi and Peter Tchaikovsky.

An adjunct guitar professor at Saint Xavier, Miller will also perform with the ensemble. He received a master of music degree from DePaul University and is currently pursuing a doctor of musical arts degree at the University of Illinois.

The concert is open to the public. Admission is $6 for adults and $5 for seniors and visiting students. Admission is free for SXU students, faculty and staff with a valid University ID. For more information, please contact the Saint Xavier University music department at (773) 298-3421.

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: Ask yourself what you are searching for? It seems that you sense a "void" in your life. M aids.

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Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message and add this: yep, it was waiting for you to realize it.

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It's 7 pm 12-6 for Self-Hypnosis Class, & a discussion group 12-13 on ***All Things Paranormal*** at ***Phyllis' Coffee House*** [4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian] plus **Mini-Psychic Sessions** 12-11. **Mini-Psychic Sessions** also 12-18 at the ***Oak Forest Bowl*** [152nd & S. Cicero] from 7 pm. Walk-ins welcome. I'm at the **Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services** [by appt. only]. I am also **available** for ***Speaking Engagements.***

Psychic Insights

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What December Means

Our world runs on numbers. The letters in December [numerically] are the #1 and this means "rebuilding to wholeness" of whatever needs to be rebuilt." [Every letter has a number]. #1 brings better health, more wealth and/or self-worth, starting a new friendship, business or even a new relationship. The #1 is always a new beginning, another chance to dance life's dance [so to speak]. December is also known as a very special "Blessed" period in our lives [Christmas]. If you are born on the 1-10-19 or 28th of any month, December is the month for the re-charging of your energy. Astrologically, December is a #3, the 12th month [1+2] "benefits."

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Take Time for Fun

Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

• Entertainment Books - The 2007 Entertainment Books are now on sale at the Oak Lawn Park District. Purchase these books with money-saving coupons for just $20. Your purchase will help support Oak Lawn Special Olympics. Program. They are available for purchase at the Oak View Center, Community Pavilion, Racquet & Fitness Club and the Administrative Center, now through December 31. For details, call 708/857-2200.

• Judo - The Oak Lawn Park District's winter Judo session will begin on Thursday, November 30 at the Menard Center, 90th St. & Menard Ave. Learn the basic Judo and Advanced students.

This program is open to individuals 4 years and older. Participants must wear Judo Gi (uniform) or sweatpants and sweatshirt. No class December 28. The beginner level classes will be held from 5:30 -6:30pm and the intermediate/advanced level classes will be geld from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Fee for this program is $58 for Oak Lawn residents and $71 non-residents.

• George Shimko Basketball School —The Oak Lawn Park is offering two George Shimko Basketball School sessions this December at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. All Players will be separated into groups by age and skill level. Fee for each session is $66 for Oak Lawn residents and $81 for non-residents, and includes instruction and GSBS Stars Basketball t-shirt. There will be no classes on December 24 and December 31. Call the Community Pavilion at 708-857-2420 for more information.

The Rookie Session, for those ages 5-8, is designed to teach children with little or no basketball experience the fundamentals of basketball. This program begins Sunday, December 3 and runs through January 14. Class time is 11:30am - 1pm.

The Veteran Session, for those ages 9-15, is designed for the more experienced basketball player. This program begins Sunday, December 3 and runs through January 14. Class time is 11:30am - 1pm.

• Breakfast With Santa - Take a break from shopping and enjoy breakfast with your family and Santa at the beautiful Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Saturday, December 9. Breakfast will be followed by a chance to ride through the course in our "Christmas Golf Cart Train" (at an additional charge). Bring your camera for pictures with Santa or purchase one for $2.00. Pick one of the 3 seating times — 9 am, 10:30am or 12 noon — for breakfast and buy your tickets early since this event fills quickly. Please note that tickets will be sold at the Stony Creek Clubhouse only. Fee is $6.50 per person, which includes 2 homemade french toast slices, sausage and your choice of milk, juice or coffee. For more information, please call (708) 857-2433.

• New Year's Eve Party at Stony Creek — Come Ring in the New Year at Stony Creek on Sunday, December 31. You will enjoy a Prime Rib dinner complete with a 4 hour open bar (8pm - Midnight) and entertainment. Cost is $65 per person or $120 per couple. Space is limited. Buy your tickets early. The Stony Creek Clubhouse is located at 5850 W. 103rd Street. For more details or to reserve your table, call 708/857-2433.

• Holiday Break Activities at the Oak Lawn Park District - All activities will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. For more information, contact Maura Kennedy at 708/857-2200.

• Holiday Crafts & Cookie Decorating (grade 1-8) Get in the holiday spirit by creating some festive holiday crafts and decorating holiday cookies. Wednesday, December 20 from 3:30-5:30pm. Fee is $10 for Oak Lawn residents and $12 non-residents.

• Holiday- Break Day of Fun (grade 1-8)

Bring your kids to enjoy a day of supervised activities and a chance to meet other kids. Participants will create crafty items, play games, and more. Wednesday, December 27 from 1-4pm. Fee is $15 for Oak Lawn residents and $20 non-residents.

Worth Vehicle Stickers Are On Sale Now

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Now that the turkey has been all gobbled up and family get togethers of Thanksgiving Day are a memory, there's only one thing left to do - GET IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

Last year I did a complete about face and decided we would focus on the Thanksgiving holiday and not rush to usher in the Christmas season before grace was barely spoken at Thanksgiving dinner.

Last year I put an end to hurrying right into the gift giving time of year with a list a mile long and seasonal stresses to match. Thankfully, last year, I had purchased an array of Autumn decorations that festively brightened our home, leaving an ambiance of fall splendor.

This year, with Christmas items on store shelves in September, I was lucky to find a few strands of golden, leafy garland to beautify the banister. I'm liking the idea of waiting until after the turkey feast to start hanging the holly and the ivy.

With leftovers still lingering in the fridge, black Friday signaled the start of the shopping frenzy for Christmas.

I wonder what Bill and I were thinking as we walked through the doors of Circuit City at noon time on the dreaded black Friday. Long lines wrapped around the store; up and down they snaked through every aisle. There wasn't a smile to be found anywhere - except for one enthusiastic sales clerk who, thankfully, chose to take care of us.

With his help, shopping for what we wanted was a breeze. Standing in line to pay for all our purchases was another story. We patiently waited it out, trying hard not to show our impatience when customers ahead of us seemed to take forever to be checked out. When it was our turn there was more than a few glitches to contend with, not to mention a few unexpected computer freeze ups.

Forty minutes from merchandise being rung up to having the bags in our hands, and I almost felt as if we owed the growing line an apology. But, I changed my mind and smiled instead. After all, if you're going to brave the crowds to get the best deals, you surely know that you won't be alone in doing so.

We spent the remainder of the weekend turning our front yard into a winter delight.

Each year, my Kris Kringle of a husband likes to change and rearrange his merry motif.

This year it's snowmen and a huge snow igloo, with snow kids twirling on a carousel, while another snow kid peeks through the window.

Holiday hymns like 'Hark The Herald Angels Sing' and 'Jingle Bell Rock', are now playing for our Christmas enjoyment.

The next few weeks will whiz by in a flurry of shopping, partying, gift-giving and getting together with family and friends.

Enjoy the season. Treasure the wonderful memories for all their worth, wonder and surprise.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ~

May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; and the heart of Christmas which is love. (Ada V. Hendricks.)

Swing'n Sugar Square Dancers donate Toys for Tots

Unwrapped toys for the annual Toys for Tots program will be picked up by the Marines. The Christmas dance is December 14 at the Landmark, 6800 Archer in Bridgeview. Experienced dancers are invited to come and see how much fun it is to dance to the calls of the Silver Fox, Rick Allison, and to round dance cues of Ron and June Ashenden.

Swing'n Sugar Squares Club dances; sponsored by the Evergreen Park Recreation Department are held at Central Junior High, 95th and Sawyer,

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Joanna Cichowicz student at Amos Stagg High School and Robert E Maloney, Palos Township Assessor in the Palos Hills Community Activity Center.

Youth Turnabout Day 2006

Youth Turnabout Day 2006 provided a valuable learning experience for Amos Stagg High School student Joanna Cichowicz. Her day started at the office of Robert E Maloney, Palos Township Assessor. She was able to gain first hand knowledge of the fundamentals of assessment appeals. Touring the many departments in the Bridgeview Courthouse followed this.

During the visitation, Joanna Cichowicz had the good fortune to meet the Honorable Judge J Hayes. While in his exclusive chamber, she was able to gain knowledge of various legal principals as well as respect for those involved in the judicial process.

Boy Scouts to Host Community Night

Boy Scout Troop 652 will have a community night from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday December 13th at Wendy's restaurant at 7220 W. 79th St., Bridgeview. Fifteen percent of all sales during that time will go to benefit Troop 652.

Intergovernmental Agencies Manage Prairie Bluff Preserve

Governor Rod Blagojevich announced that intergovernmental agreement will restore native land, increase protection of threatened endangered species and provide added recreational opportunities with the Forest Preserve District of Will County and the Lockport Township Park District for management of the Prairie Bluff Preserve in Will County.

The agreement will allow the local government to manage the property to restore native land, increase protection of the state's threatened and endangered species and create added recreational opportunities for the region. All governing bodies have approved the agreement. The native prairie will be preserved for scientific and educational purposes. There are a number of Federal-listed endangered native species found in the area including Emerald Dragonfly, Leafy Prairie Clover, Spotted and Blanding's Turtles.

The land will be an asset to people in the 85th District said Rep. Brent Haster (R-Romeoville). The 730-acre Prairie Bluff Preserve is comprised of two parcels-a 558-acre owned by the Illinois Department of natural Resources (IDNR) and a 172-acre owned by the Illinois State Police (ISP). Any fundamental changes to the intent or purpose of the site must be submitted to the IDNR and ISP for review and approval.

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Lanyon appointed new General Superintendent

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Superintendent Lanyon received his Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lanyon received the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Orland Park Theatre Troupe Seeks Women for "Steel Magnolias"

Stage Version Calls for Women Age 18 and Older

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park Theatre Troupe has chosen "Steel Magnolias" as its spring, 2007 production. Written by Robert Harling, "Steel Magnolias" is a 1987 off-Broadway play that was made into a successful movie in 1989. The story is based on the author's experience with the death of his sister. The comedy-drama illustrates the bond among a group of southern women in northwest Louisiana.

The original stage production opened in New York in 1987 and the show made its official Broadway debut in the spring of 2004.

"Most people remember the 1989 movie that starred Julia Roberts, Shirley MacLaine, Sally Field and Dolly Parton," said Orland Park Recreation Program Supervisor Irene Buikema, executive producer for the show. "The stage version is a little different because the entire cast is adult women," she added.

Orland Park Resident Producer/Director Frann Carnivele-Sidlow will direct the spring production with Jim Mazeika serving as assistant director.

"We usually reserve our spring show for a Broadway musical," Carnivele-Sidlow explained. "Because we don't have access to a school stage for a musical this year, we've opted for a standard production at the Orland Park Civic Center. This one of my all time favorite dramatic productions," she said.

Auditions, open to women age eighteen and older, will be held Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at Orland Park's Old Village Hall, 14415 South Beacon Avenue.

Once cast, village residents must pay a $30 registration fee while non-residents pay $45. Rehearsals will be held Sunday afternoons and Monday and Thursday evenings. Performances will be February 23, 24 and 25.

For more information, call the Orland Park Recreation Department at 708/403-7275.

Letter to the Editor

In recent months, I have noticed a lot of negative editorials written about Oak Lawn Trustee Jerry Hurckes. Having worked with Jerry on several different initiatives in the village I felt compelled to share a different view. Jerry is a strong supporter of our community. This isn't a statement of "opinion" but fact. The following are just a few of the things that he's **quietly** had an impact upon that nobody else would know about unless you were directly involved as I was. These things **aren't** required of him as Trustee rather done because he cares and gives beyond the position he was elected to. He has actively assisted or participated in Harnew Schools Traffic Safety Committee (i.e. facilitated the addition of a signage, crossing guard, painting of crosswalks, addition of a sidewalk to improve student safety); donations to Harnew School such as a U.S. flag that flew over the Capital and flower pots; donation of U.S. Constitution booklets to Simmons Middle School students preparing for the Constitution test; donations to Oak Lawn Community High School's State Speech Competition; signage around the school to improve student safety, planning of the Westside Baseball opening day festivities and year end picnic.

Far too often in life, it easier to assess blame and ridicule never looking beyond the negative image somebody is trying to portray. I can assure you that for every negative comment about Jerry Hurckes there are 10 positives that most of the village hasn't heard about. Those that do the right things for the right reasons don't need a parade or stage to step on to tell the world. The quiet man is the one that continues to do them because it's the right thing. Jerry thank you for doing the things you do. You've made a difference in the community!

Dan Risley

Make The Holidays A Splash At Shedd

Santa and "Polar Express" Feature Among Several Holiday Festivities At Shedd Aquarium

CHICAGO – Sleigh bells will be ringing at Shedd Aquarium this holiday season with a variety of festivities to spread cheer among guests of all ages. From Santa's sleigh to a 4-D adventure at the North Pole, Shedd will be bursting with holiday fun!

Moraine Valley Art Faculty to Showcase 'Youthful Indiscretions'

The Art Department faculty members at Moraine Valley are more than just teachers—they're also working artists who create and show their work. These artists will display their early and recent art during the Moraine Valley Faculty Art Exhibit through January 17 in the Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery in the Fine and Performing Arts Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. An opening reception will be November 30 at 2 p.m.

The title of the show is "Youthful Indiscretions: Early to Recent Works by Moraine Valley Art Faculty." The intent of the exhibit is to demonstrate a progression in style and techniques as faculty and adjunct faculty move forward in their careers.

Faculty members who will display work in this exhibit include Erik La Gattuta, coordinator of the Art program and Painting and Drawing instructor; Tyler Hewitt, assistant professor of Studio Art: Photography and Design; Irene McCauley, associate professor of Art and coordinator of Digital Art/ Design; and Lynn Peters, assistant professor of Sculpture and Ceramics. Adjunct faculty members participating in this exhibit include Mary Burns, Janine Patten, Susannah Papish-Horner, Pamela Badzginski, Kathy Schonauer, and Tom McDonald.

The Robert F. DeCaprio Art Gallery provides an opportunity to view locally and nationally recognized artists. Exhibits in the Art Gallery are free and available for viewing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and during most performances in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

For more information, call Meaghan Callan, the Gallery director, at (708) 608-4231, or visit *morainevalley.edu/fpac*.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at *crotty@morainevalley.edu*.

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Morgan Park Junior's Annual Santa Breakfast

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Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 8:30 to 11:00 AM, at Trinity United Methodist Church 9848 So Winchester. There will be Pancakes, bacon, fruit, juice and coffee served, children may visit with Santa and receive a treat bag of goodies as well as make a holiday craft. Also available will be a bake table, holiday decoration table, and the specially designed Beverly Hills/ Morgan Park community afghans will be for sale.

Tickets are $5 and may be purchased from any member, at the Church office or at the door. For information call 773-239-2601.

The Morgan Park Juniors have supported community organizations and projects since 1934 and have been "GFWC 1L Junior Club of the Year" for outstanding service and volunteer involvement. Projects include: Beverly Art Center, Ridge Historical Society, Beacon Theraputic School, Rainbow House, Beverly Area Planning Association, Morgan Park High School Catholic Youth Ministry Center, Maple Morgan Park Food Pantry, as well as many philanthropic causes dear to women and family issues. Membership is open to all interested women in the community and information on the MP Jrs and GFWC clubs will be available at the Santa Breakfast. All are welcome.

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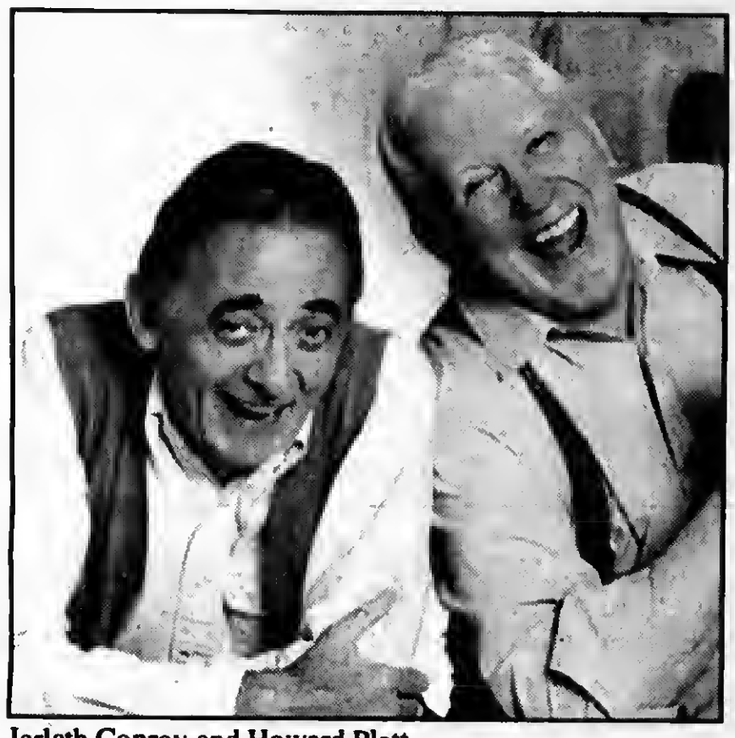

Jarlath Conroy and Howard Platt
(Photo Credit: David Allen)

A Couple of Blaguards Makes One Smile

by Marijo Doody

In a limited four week engagement actors Jarlath Conroy and Howard Platt star in a rollicking Irish comedy written by Frank and Malachy McCourt at the Royal George Theatre. It runs through December 24, 2006.

Jarlath Conroy is initially from Ireland and now New York plays Frank McCourt. He has a great singing voice and stage presence. At the reception we met his clergyman brother in ministry in Chicago.

Howard Platt is a show business veteran of more than 35 years and has appeared in more than 100 plays. Conroy has been on Broadway, TV and movies. He received the Helen Hayes Award.

A Couple of Blaguards is an autobiographical account of the McCourt years growing up in the poverty of Ireland. If material poverty was there, then there is a jewel to be gotten in the art of story telling. It was their key to success in raising to survive and triumph. Poverty is no longer in Ireland. Times now have certainly changed there. The show is a result of a typical Irish household of story telling and blarney of the elders. It blends the ears, eyes, and tongue and gives voice to the most trivial events.

Before "Angela's Ashes" and "A Monk Swimming" made McCourt a household name, Chicago audiences were introduced in 1988 to the Blaguards. This updated version adds incidental music to the celebration. You'd better check a pulse, if you do not have a fun evening! You may be dead!

Performances are Tuesday-Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5 and 8pm and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are $39.50 and $49.50. Call the box office at Royal George at 312-902-1500. The family friendly production will be a delight for 12 and over.

A Child's Christmas in Wales is Presented at Remy Bumppo Theatre

The Remy Bumppo Theatre presents the annual Christmas family matinee production of Dylan Thomas's, A Child's Christmas in Wales. Matinees are Dec 6 at 2pm, and Saturday Dec 9, 16 and 23 at 4pm. Performances are upstairs main stage of Victory Gardens Greenhouse Theatre, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave. Tickets are $6 for children and $12 adults. It is recommended for children 10 and up.

Call 773-871-3000.

The classic summons memories of simple holiday pleasures from the author's childhood, in his beloved Welsh seacoast village. His use of language is truly unique and it calls to mind the work in unexpected ways. It is storytellers telling stories and events remembered for the holiday season. It is a time for reflection, appreciation and good fortune and a reminder of ones responsibility in the world indicates Edward Sobal the Director.

Musichorale Presents Noels Remembered

By Marijo Doody

Musichorale, community choral group presents its Christmas concert Noels Remembered, with 60 years of holidays in song. Jeffrey Silhan is the superb Director and accompanists are Virginia Hawrysz, Carol Miller and Sarah Silhan.

At a recent rehearsal members shared memories of selections on the program. Included are members who were children when they were in the cherubs (the children's group from long ago) to new members who had attended former concerts, and wanted to sing and now are part of the group and some persons who learned from Cd's the older songs.

This year in honor of the 60th Anniversary, there is new formal attire for men and women. Noels Remembered will take place on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at

4:20 pm at Trinity Christian College, Ozinga Chapel located at 6601 West College Drive in Palos Heights. It is on Rt. 83 just west of Ridgeland Ave. Tickets are $10. For more information and tickets call 773-239-6279.

Concert receipts, after expenses, help fund the musichorale scholarships competitions for grammar and high school music students. One of last year's winners will perform during the concert.

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Prime Tymers Host Madgrial Singers of EPCHS

The Pryme Tymers, an active fellowship that meets at Trinity Church, 9300 S. Pulaski Rd. in Oak Lawn invites the community to their meeting on Thursday, December 14 at 11am. The Madrigal Singers from Evergreen Park Community High School, under the superb direction of Melanie Michalak will be in the program.

Dressed in Renaissance attire, the young people will entertain with their unique vocal music. This is a different way to hear the Christmas story. A homemade ham luncheon prepared by Chef Pitluck will follow at noon.

Cost is $6 and requires a reservation. Call the church office at 708-422-5111 by Dec 11. Transportation is provided by request.

Chicago Shakespeare Presents Musical Version "The Three Musketeers."

CST in the Courtyard Theater stage on December 16 - February 18, 2007 presents the musical version "The Three Musketeers." David Bell directs with music by George Stiles.

The play captures a time when characters are larger than life, speak poetry with wit and charm and aggressively embrace life. CST Creative Producer Rick Boynton, Bell and team have collaborated over the past two years between Chicago, New York and London to develop musicals.

Performed with an 11 piece orchestra, costumes and wigs of the seventeenth century period and fight choreography, characterize the opulent time in which the musketeers lived. The new stage musical based on the classic continues CST's New Classics program for today's audiences.

Tickets range $40-$67 and performances are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (12-16) at 7:30pm, Wednesday at 1pm, Saturday at 3 and 8pm and Sunday at 3 and 8:30pm. For information call 312-595-5600. CST is at Navy Pier and easily gotten to by public transportation. This is CST's 20th Anniversary season.

Smash Hit Sensation *MAMMA MIA!* Returns to Chicago for a Limited Holiday Engagement

CHICAGO (November 17, 2006) –Benny Andersson and Björn Ulvaeus' MAMMA MIA!, the smash hit musical based on the songs of ABBA, returns to Chicago for a limited holiday engagement December 12 – 31 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre (151 West Randolph).

Inspired by the story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs, writer Catherine Johnson's sunny, funny tale of family and friendship unfolds on a Greek island.° On the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings 3 men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago.° Songs including "Dancing Queen"; "The Winner Takes It All"; "Money, Money, Money" and "Take A Chance on Me" are all featured in this feel-good night of fun and laughter.

For information about MAMMA MIA! around the world, go to www.mamma-mia.com

Oak Lawn Theatre Receives Awards

At the recent successful sold out run of Oliver the program notes indicated that the Oak Lawn Park District Theatre had received an Honorable Mention Award from the Illinois Arts Alliance in conjunction with the Illinois Municipal League as a community dedicated to the arts. The Oliver production brought the children of the community back on stage in the OLPD's commitment to the theatre program for kids.

Executive Director, Mayor Dave Heilmann (Oak Lawn) thanked the many who have given time and energy to the theater productions over the years. The next production is My Fair Lady in March 2007.

Moscow Cats Theatre Performs at North Shore Center

The International Moscow Cats Theatre performs at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts December 10 and December 26-30. It features non-stop action by the group of talented felines performing original and astounding acrobatic feats into a fun-filled family show. Tickets are available by calling 847-673-6300. Prices are $49.90 and $56.90

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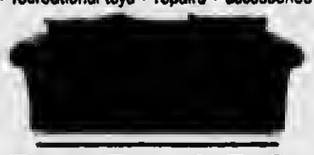

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Classic Toys Create Lasting Childhood Memories

(NAPS)—Peter Pan may have said "I'll never grow up," but in an age of cell phones, MP3 players and video games, it seems harder for kids to stay kids. In this high-tech era, classic toys offer a "back to basics" approach to creative, imaginative play for children of all ages and interests.

"It's still a thrill to receive your first train set, open the door to a new dollhouse or to build your first Lincoln Logs cabin," says Sheliah Gilliland, spokesperson for leading national online toy retailer eToys.com. "Classic toys continually rank as popular gift choices for holidays, birthdays and other special occasions."

For example, the 95-piece Premium Beginner Art Kit from Faber-Castell makes a great gift for 3- to 5-year-olds. With colored pencils, crayons, pastels, paints and more, this kit keeps little hands busy creating lasting works of art. The 200-piece Yukon Express Wood Train set, available exclusively at eToys.com, offers hours of imaginative play for kids who love things that go. Another favorite, the 52" Honey Brown Hugga Bear, provides unlimited hugs and gives kids a cozy lap for snuggling, napping or reading.

Young animal lovers between the ages of 3 and 5 can saddle up on the Radio Flyer Liberty Spring Horse and pretend they're riding the range. For older aspiring equestrians, the Large Wooden Horse Barn and Corral provides stables and training grounds for toy horses. For girls who delight in dolls, no gift says "you're special" like the 23" personalized My Twinn doll, customized to look like your child using a photo you provide. Also popular for girls ages 6 to 12 is the Deluxe Victorian Dollhouse, which comes with 85 pieces of beautiful furniture and accessories.

Kids with an interest in science can experience the natural world close-up with a lab-quality microscope from National Geographic. Designed for ages 9 to 12, it offers sharp viewing and comes with a complete set of slides, dishes, vials and more—all in a handy carrying case.

"Children grow up, but classic toys stand the test of time, creating such fond memories that they will be passed down to future generations," adds Gilliland.

Finding terrific toys—classic and contemporary—for children of all ages is easy at eToys.com, where shoppers can search by gender, age and product popularity.

Neat Repeats Resale Stores Extend Hours

The Neat Repeats Resale stores have extended their hours for holiday shopping for both locations. Hours are Monday, Friday and Saturday 10am to 3pm, Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 8pm and Wednesday 10am to 6pm. Locations are in Orland Park at 9020 W 159th St. and Worth at 7026 W 111th St.

Neat Repeats features women's and children's brand name clothing, jewelry, toys, household items, collectibles and more. All proceeds benefit the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center for South Suburban is a non-profit community organization that provides emergency shelter and other essential services for persons and families victimized by domestic violence.

For information on the Crisis Center and its services call 708-429-7255 or visit the web at www.crisisctr.org. For information on volunteer opportunities call either store (Orland Park 708-364-7605) or (Worth 708-361-6860).

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Members of Orland Park Cub Scout Pack 383 gathered at Brookfield Zoo to decorate the pack's Christmas tree. The pack's tree, decorated with ornaments made by the Cub Scouts, is one of the many community trees on display as part of the zoo's Holiday Magic Program for 2006. Cub Scouts are shown here with their adult leaders and parents.

Mt. Assisi Academy 5th Annual Gala Dinner Dance & Auction Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Chateau Del Mar

NOVEMBER 30, 2006 - LEMONT, ILLINOIS - Mount Assisi Academy will host its Fifth Annual Gala Dinner Dance and Auction, Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Chateau Del Mar at Hickory Hills Country Club, 8301 West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, Illinois.

The evening will kick-off with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Immediately following dinner, the 2007 Mount Assisi Academy Hall of Fame Awards will be presented. Dancing and both a live and silent auction featuring a diverse array of auction packages round out the evening's festivities. Also, there will be a drawing for the Grand Raffle prize – a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt.

Mount Assisi Academy's 2007 Hall of Fame Awards, will also be presented at the Gala Dinner Dance. The winner of the 2007 Woman of The Year Award is Kathleen Walsh Free, MSN, RN-C, ARNP, Mount Assisi Class of 1973. Sister M. Paula Nasenbeny, osf and a member of the Mount Assisi Class of 1957, will be presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Mount Assisi Academy Director of Athletics June Verschave will be presented with the Spirit of Mount Assisi Award.

Tickets for MAA's Fifth Annual Gala Dinner Dance and Auction are $100 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact MAA Director of Development Donna Murphy-Buckley at 630-257-7844, est. 23. or developmentdir@mtassisiacademy.org

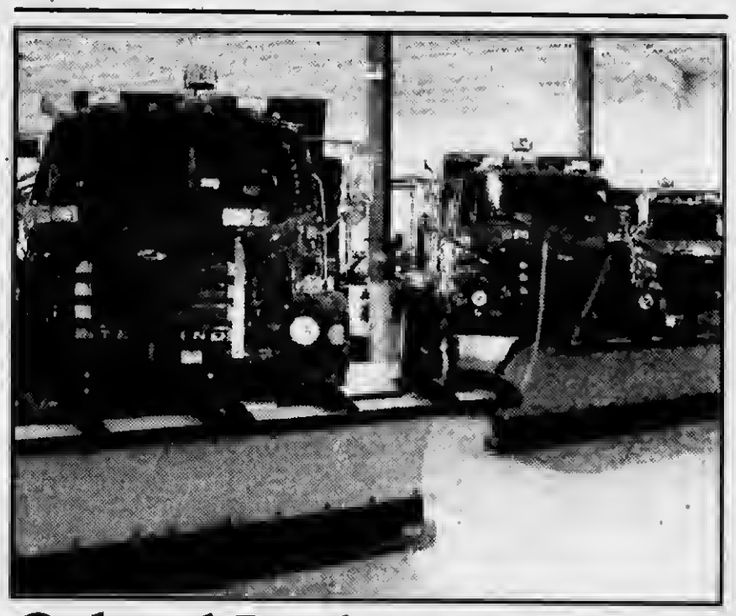
Orland Park Approves Land Acquisitions

By Matt Mayer

The village board, at the Nov. 20 Orland Park Board of Trustees meeting, voted to invoke the powers of eminent domain for two parcels of property for needed right of way in an effort to improve the 159th Street and LaGrange Road intersection. The approved agreement requires the village to pay the Cook County Treasurer slightly over of $4.3 million, which will be used to compensate the owners of the two parcels.

The intersection is slated to resemble the 159th Street and Harlem Avenue intersection, with three lanes in each direction. The 159th Street and LaGrange road needs to widened due to heavy traffic gridlock. Also the traffic on LaGrange Road is expected to worsen when the village Main Street Triangle development project located between Southwest Highway, 143rd Street and LaGrange Road commences.

Along with the new Metra station, the Triangle includes a downtown with a mixed-use development, which will consist of restaurants, shops, offices and condominiums. The entire LaGrange Road improvement and construction project is slated to cost some $100 million. The board also approved various 159th Street and LaGrange Road invoice payments totaling $20,236.67.



Orland Park Ready for Winter

The Village of Orland Park Public Works Department is ready for the winter weather. The 250-plus miles of village roadways are divided into 24 routes that are plowed by department personnel. Residents can help Public Works personnel by removing all parked vehicles from village streets once two inches of snow fall. Parked vehicles should be kept off of village streets for ten hours after a snow event begins. For more information, call the Orland Park Public Works Department at 708/403-6350.

Oak Forest Approves Smoking Ordinance

The city council approved an ordinance at the Oak Forest City Council meeting restricting smoking in public places, the particulars were not supplied. The proposed ordinance was presented and discussed at the committee of the whole meeting on November 14.

Other highlights: The council approved an ordinance regarding text amendments to the zoning ordinance regarding signs as well as an ordinance requesting an amendment to the municipal code pertaining to ordinance enforcement officer supervision. An ordinance for the installation of no parking signs at Ridge School at 5151 W. 149th Street was also approved.

The next meeting is Dec 12.

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Blue Grass Country Christmas

Performances by The Forest View Express and The Notorious Brass Saturday, December 9 , 2006 from 2 – 4 p.m. (The Forest View Express is a local Blue Grass Band that has played numerous venues. The group consists of Tom Deuter, John Thier, Phil Graniczny, and Leo Charles. For further information contactTom Deuter at 708-687-2484 or via email at forestviewexpress@sbcglobal.net.

The Notorious Brass is a newly formed teen group from Oak Forest consisting of Dave Wahlberg, Tyler Ross, Brandon Kirkilas, Brian Hanlon and Kevin Staehlin.)

The Acorn Public Library and the Teen Advisory Group are proud to sponsor our First Annual Food and Toy Drive to benefit Together We Cope.

The drive will run from November 27th thro December 21, 2006. We will be collecting non-perishable food items and unwrapped toys. Together We Cope provides food, clothing and financial assistance to individuals and families experiencing crises in the southwest suburbs. Monetary donations can be made directly to Together We Cope at www.togetherwecope.org. For additional information. please contact the Youth Services Department.

We will also be collecting correspondence and gifts to support our troups overseas.

Christmas Happenings

December 19th - Christmas House Decorating Contest

This is our annual Christmas House Decorating Contest, and it's FREE! If you decorate your house and would like to enter come to the Central Park Building and fill out a registration form by Sunday, December 18th. The top three houses will be awarded a prize along with a sign for recognition.

Registration must be completed by someone residing in the house and must reside in the park district boundaries.

December 16th - Visit with Santa

Did your child get to see Santa this year? Well if not or if they would like to see him again to tell those last few minute ideas to the jolly old elf, now is their chance!

Visit with Santa at the Don Gorman Fieldhouse between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. You can bring your own camera or pay $2.00 for pictures. There will be refreshments & cartoons. For more information call 708-687-7270 or www.oakforestparks.org

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Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center Opens Third Office in Homewood, Ill

Palos Hills, IL, October 30 2006 – Executive Director, Dr. David Rompala announced today the opening of the third Sertoma Speech and Hearing Center in Homewood, IL. The new office is located in the Homewood-Flossmor Racquet and Fitness Club at 2920 W. 183rd Street.

"The Homewood office extends our service community considerably. Now we're able to reach the far southern suburbs and northwestern Indiana, he said. "We're delighted with the location and facilities," he added. The Centers other offices are located in Palos Hills and Romeoville, IL.

The Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center is the only United-Way supported, nonprofit agency that provides speech and hearing-aid services to suburban Chicago. The organization offers professional speech-language pathology and audiological services regardless of one's ability to pay. Since 1978, over 225,000 clients have received professional services. The Center also offers industrial sound-level measurement services, and with its two mobile labs, on-site testing of employees' hearing that complies with all OSHA requirements.

Vogt Visual Arts Center Student Works Exhibit

Tinley Park, Illinois, November 17, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District's Vogt Visual Arts Center presents their December exhibit featuring the works of student artists from Andrew High School and Tinley Park High School. The exhibit runs from December 4 through December 29.° Gallery hours are Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 pm, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1:00-4:00 pm. The Vogt Visual Arts Center is located at 17420 S. 67th Court in Tinley Park. For additional information, contact the Park District at 708/342-4200.

Orland Park Names Recreation Department Director

ORLAND PARK, IL – The Village of Orland Park has announced the appointment of Nancy Flores to fill the position of Director of Recreation.

Flores joins the village after seventeen years of progressive recreation and management experience with the Chicago Park District. Since 2000, she has been an Area Manager with responsibilities that include management and administrative oversight of 200+ employees consisting of recreational, landscape, electricians, plumbers and labor personnel. Flores was also responsible for the administrative oversight of budgeting, forecasting, reconciling and monitoring a $3 million maintenance and operational budget.

With Orland Park, Flores will handle the day to day management and administration of the Recreation Department. As Director of Recreation, Flores will oversee a system that includes more than 60 parks and a recreation program that enrolled more than 22,500 adults and children in 2005. She will prepare and administer the division budget, manage staff, and coordinate and track capital projects and improvements for the division. She will also be responsible for a $6.6 million budget for fiscal year 2006/07.

"Nancy Flores brings an excellent background dealing with all facets of recreation operations, including full-time staff management and development, responsibility for multiple facilities, budgeting and programming," said Orland Park Village Manager R.J. Zeder.

Flores received a Bachelor's in Human Resource Development with an emphasis in training and development from Northeastern Illinois University.

"There were a number of very talented candidates who applied for the position and we believe that Nancy is best positioned to provide solid leadership to an already outstanding group of recreation employees," Zeder said. "We're looking forward to having her join the village's team," he added.

Flores will officially begin her position at the Village of Orland Park on December 11, 2006.

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Orland Park Police Department Annual Awards Ceremony

Event Contact: Commander Charles Doll

Date/Time: Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2006 7:00 P.M.

Location: Carl Sandburg High School Performing Arts Center
13100 South LaGrange (U.S. Route 45) Road – Orland Park

Description: The Village of Orland Park Police Department will conduct its annual awards ceremony, publicly honoring a number of sworn and civilian personnel.

The ceremony opens with all personnel entering the facility, led by the Pipes and Drums of the Chicago Police Department's Emerald Society.

Highlights: The Orland Park Police Department includes 97 sworn personnel and more than 100 civilian employees.

Members of the department will be recognized for outstanding performances throughout the year. Nancy Foy-Sliva, of the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists, will honor a number of officers for their efforts to combat drunk driving.

Two civilians will receive the department's Civilian Service Award. A number of department units will receive citations and different department personnel will be honored for exceptional service.

Four Orland Park officers will receive Life Saving Awards. The ceremony ends with the presentation of the Grand Cordon Award, the Civilian Employee of the Year Award and the Police Officer of the Year Award.

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Worth Jr. High Student Council collected items to send to the troops, they also paid for the shipping.

More Space, More Services

Southwest Suburban Regional Office of Catholic Charities moves into new facility

By Kimberley Mathisen

It takes more than desks, computers and telephones to make an office. A fact not lost on the staff at Catholic Charities Southwest Services. But now it's official.

The Southwest Suburban Services staff is happily moved into new offices on 111th Street in south suburban Worth.

Although the move took place in July, the dedication service took place Sept. 25, for about 50 guests including representatives from Catholic Charities and clergy from surrounding parishes.

The dedication ceremony, led by the Most Rev. John Gorman, Gorman included prayers and readings with the. assistance of Rev. Michael Boland and Brejcha. Ill. Senators Edward Maloney and Louis Viverito and Worth Mayor, Edward Guzdziol were among attendees.

"This is a great opportunity for the southwest suburbs," Maloney said, noting the new offices are located in the middle of his district.

"With the diversity found in the area, there is a tremendous need for (services) provided by Catholic Charities," Maloney said. "This is an outstanding organization, and I look forward to working with them."

"I feel privileged to have this organization in Worth," Guzdziol said. "Catholic Charities is known for helping their fellow man with many different programs."

After the ceremony, guests enjoyed refreshments, hand-made angels and homemade Irish Soda Bread.

According to Matt Brejcha, regional services representative for Catholic Charities southwest suburban services, the former offices, located in Palos Hills weren't large enough for staff.

"Our new offices span about 4,500 square feet of space — we've doubled the size of our food pantry," Brejcha said.

"It's wonderful to have so much more room," he said.

"In doubling our space, we'll double our care and response to those in need," said Ellen Gorney, director of programs for Catholic Charities.

"This is a big day for us," Brejcha said. "I'm overwhelmed at the great turnout for the dedication."

"This is a marvelous extension of the great work that Catholic Charities performs in the area," Gorman said.

"This is an exciting day as Catholic Charities expands its services in the southwest suburbs," said Rev. Michael Boland, CEO, President and Administrator for Catholic Charities.

While busy providing tours of the new offices, Brejcha thanked several individuals for their help with moving the offices, including Regional Advisory Board Chairman, Bill Carroll, who helped find the available office space.

"The move was smooth and well organized," he said, while especially thanking Betty Chambers and Maggie Oscar.

Brejcha said chairs were donated by through Regional Advisory Board member, Cheryl Jekiel, of Ralcorp Co., and thanked Don Manikas for the new paint and carpeting.

"We're also most grateful for the donations of three sets of office furniture from Svend Alsing of Furniture Resources, Inc."

More information about the Catholic Charities Southwest Services, 7000 W. 111th St., Worth IL, is at (708) 430-0428.

Chicago Ridge Discusses Smoking Ban

By Matt Mayer

The village board at the Nov 21, Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting discussed adopting an ordinance regarding a smoking ban. Municipalities, which don't have an ordinance in effect by March 15, 2007, will have to adopt the Cook County smoking ban, which County Commissioners passed on March 15, 2006. On October 2, the Village of Orland Park approved an ordinance banning cigarette, cigar and pipe smoking in the village's restaurants and bars effective Jan 2, 2007. The ordinance also carries significant fines for violators. The Southwest Conference of Mayors will meet on Nov. 29 to discuss the matter.

Other highlights: The board approved a fire department request to purchase an upgraded EKG monitor for the ambulance for $19,348. A public works request to purchase 10 new tables and 50 chairs for the senior center for $3,172 plus freight was also approved as well as a request to enter into a three-year contract with Montrose Fireworks for the Ridge Fest displays. A block party request, which was held on Nov. 25 on the 109th block of Oak, was also approved.

The village is offering free holiday trolley shuttle service, which commenced on Nov 24 and will operate through December 24; the trolley operates on Fridays from 5 p.m to 10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. The trolley operates from the village hall parking lot on Oxford, and the parking lot at 107th Street and Menard with drop offs at the Commons and the Chicago Ridge mall. The next meeting is Dec 5.

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Moraine Valley Offers Adult Learner Information Sessions

If you're an adult considering college, but concerned how you'll fit in classes around your family, job, and other responsibilities, Moraine Valley can help.

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Moraine Valley also will offer an adult information session Wednesday, December 13, at 6 p.m. in Moraine Room 4 of the College Center, on campus, 9000. W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills. This event is free to the public, and is offered for those who are interested in getting a sense of the college scene before committing to college coursework. The audience for this session will included a combination of returning adults who have never stepped foot onto a college campus, adults who are in a career transition due to unemployment, and adults who have taken classes at the college but never pursued their degree.

During the session, college staff will discuss details about the college and the benefits of a college education. Career programs and degrees are explained and contrasted in detail, as well as programs and resources offered to low-income adults, displaced workers, or women returning to the workplace. The information session will conclude with a question-and-answer session, and individual counseling for those who request it. Opportunities to apply for admission also are available. Refreshments will be served.

Student success is the top priority at Moraine Valley, and the college offers many means to that end. The college houses a Children's Learning Center for students with young children, and the small class sizes and highly qualified faculty and staff will ensure that students get the attention they need.

For more information, call Moraine Valley's Admissions Office at (708) 974-5355, or e-mail *admissions@morainevalley.edu.*

Worth Public Library Holds Phone Clinic

Paying too much for phone service? Learn how to save money at The Citizen Utility Board (CUB) free phone bill clinic. On Thursday, December 14, 2006 at 7pm be at Worth Public Library, 6917 W 111th Street in Worth. Don't forget to bring your phone bills!

CUB is a nonprofit consumer group created by State Legislature to fight for the rights opf utility consumers throughout Illinois. Call 1-800-5556 for more information.

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Take Time for Fun

Visit www.olparks.com for more information on upcoming programs and events!!

• Entertainment Books - The 2007 Entertainment Books are now on sale at the Oak Lawn Park District. Purchase these books with money-saving coupons for just $20. Your purchase will help support Oak Lawn Special Olympics. Program. They are available for purchase at the Oak View Center, Community Pavilion, Racquet & Fitness Club and the Administrative Center, now through December 31. For details, call 708/857-2200.

• Judo - The Oak Lawn Park District's winter Judo session will begin on Thursday, November 30 at the Menard Center, 90th St. & Menard Ave. Learn the basic Judo and Advanced students.

This program is open to individuals 4 years and older. Participants must wear Judo Gi (uniform) or sweatpants and sweatshirt. No class December 28. The beginner level classes will be held from 5:30 -6:30pm and the intermediate/advanced level classes will be geld from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Fee for this program is $58 for Oak Lawn residents and $71 non-residents.

• George Shimko Basketball School —The Oak Lawn Park is offering two George Shimko Basketball School sessions this December at the Community Pavilion, 9401 S. Oak Park Ave. All Players will be separated into groups by age and skill level. Fee for each session is $66 for Oak Lawn residents and $81 for non-residents, and includes instruction and GSBS Stars Basketball t-shirt. There will be no classes on December 24 and December 31. Call the Community Pavilion at 708-857-2420 for more information.

The Rookie Session, for those ages 5-8, is designed to teach children with little or no basketball experience the fundamentals of basketball. This program begins Sunday, December 3 and runs through January 14. Class time is 11:30am - 1pm.

The Veteran Session, for those ages 9-15, is designed for the more experienced basketball player. This program begins Sunday, December 3 and runs through January 14. Class time is 11:30am - 1pm.

• Breakfast With Santa - Take a break from shopping and enjoy breakfast with your family and Santa at the beautiful Stony Creek Clubhouse, 5850 W. 103rd St., on Saturday, December 9. Breakfast will be followed by a chance to ride through the course in our "Christmas Golf Cart Train" (at an additional charge). Bring your camera for pictures with Santa or purchase one for $2.00. Pick one of the 3 seating times — 9 am, 10:30am or 12 noon — for breakfast and buy your tickets early since this event fills quickly. Please note that tickets will be sold at the Stony Creek Clubhouse only. Fee is $6.50 per person, which includes 2 homemade french toast slices, sausage and your choice of milk, juice or coffee. For more information, please call (708) 857-2433.

• New Year's Eve Party at Stony Creek — Come Ring in the New Year at Stony Creek on Sunday, December 31. You will enjoy a Prime Rib dinner complete with a 4 hour open bar (8pm - Midnight) and entertainment. Cost is $65 per person or $120 per couple. Space is limited. Buy your tickets early. The Stony Creek Clubhouse is located at 5850 W. 103rd Street. For more details or to reserve your table, call 708/857-2433.

• Holiday Break Activities at the Oak Lawn Park District - All activities will be held at the Oak View Center, 4625 W. 110th St., Oak Lawn, IL 60453. For more information, contact Maura Kennedy at 708/857-2200.

• Holiday Crafts & Cookie Decorating (grade 1-8) Get in the holiday spirit by creating some festive holiday crafts and decorating holiday cookies. Wednesday, December 20 from 3:30-5:30pm. Fee is $10 for Oak Lawn residents and $12 non-residents.

• Holiday- Break Day of Fun (grade 1-8)

Bring your kids to enjoy a day of supervised activities and a chance to meet other kids. Participants will create crafty items, play games, and more. Wednesday, December 27 from 1-4pm. Fee is $15 for Oak Lawn residents and $20 non-residents.

Worth Vehicle Stickers Are On Sale Now

Stop by and get your vehicle stickers, they are on sale now. Must be permanently affixed to windshield by Dec. 31, 2006.

Stop in and have breakfast with Santa & Mrs Claus, in the Chicago Ridge Mall. At 95th and Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge. Advanced tickets are available for $3.00, at the concierge booth. The breakfast will take place in Panera, on Dec 10, 2006 at 10 am. All proceeds benefit local Charity project PROTECT.

You can also stop by and see Santa at his new home in Carson's Court. Monday to Friday 10 am to 9 pm, Saturday 10 am to 7pm, Sunday 11 am to 6 pm.

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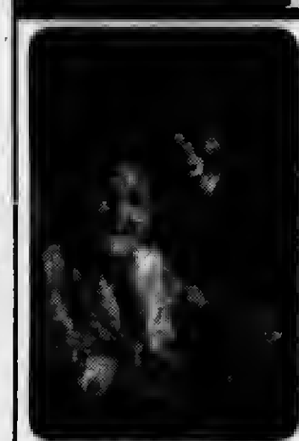

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Photo Patricia Dart and children, Sheriff Thomas Dart and the Honorable Mary Dooling of the Circuit Court Cook County and the Honorable Patrick J. Quinn of the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court

Thomas Dart, New Sheriff Sworn In

Thomas Dart was sworn in as the 52nd Sheriff of Cook County in December. Present were Patricia Dart and children, the Honorable Mary Dooling of the Circuit Court Cook County and the Honorable Patrick J. Quinn of the First District of the Illinois Appellate Court. I went to school with his mother.

Winter Break Day Camp

While the kids are on winter break, leave them with us at the Burbank Park District. The camp will run Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, January 5 for two weeks from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30p.m. The program will include a variety of games, sports, crafts, snack time, special events, and theme days. No camp December 25 and January1. The fee for this camp is $150 residents/$225 non -residents for a full day and$75 residents/$112nonresidents for a half-day. There are daily rates available, please call the Burbank Park District for more information.
Call 708-599-2070.

Evergreen Park Approves Tax Levies

By Matt Mayer

The village board approved an ordinance at the brief meeting of the Dec. 4 Evergreen Park Board of Trustees meeting pertaining to taxes levied for the general corporate fund and special purposes for the fiscal year beginning Nov 1, 2005 and ending Oct. 31, 2006. The amount, which has been levied, is $3,095,807, which is levied upon all taxable property within the corporate limits of the village for the following purposes - $2,748,824 for the police department and $346,983 for the fire department.

The board also approved an ordinance pertaining to taxes levied for library purposes for the fiscal year beginning Jan. 1, 2006 and ending Dec 31, 2006. The amount, which has been levied for this purpose, is $809,723, which is also levied upon all taxable property within the village limits.

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VFW Award Announced

Commander Joseph Stachon, Johnson Phelps Post 5220 announces the following recipients for the 2006-07 Voice of democracy premier scholarship program. Students competed by writing and recording script on a patriotic theme which was "Freedoms Challenge."

First honors were awarded to Katheryn Marovitch a junior attending Oak Lawn Community High School. Honorable mention was given to Jillian J. Sliwa a sophomore attending South Side Baptist School. Both were awarded US Savings Bonds.

To accommodate students in grades 6-8, students participated in the Patriots Pen Competition. They were required to write a 300-word essay the theme being "Citizenship in America."

First honors from St Albert School and South Side Baptist school were Alyssa Heldak and Rebekah a Santiago. Honorable mentions from St Albert were Marissa Schultz, Anna Borys, Jeanne Tapia, Daniel Hecker and Vanina Valandez. Honorable mention from South Side Baptist school were Sheri Lin Stouk, Johnnie Rebiela, Zackery Mc Lananhan, Austin Mathews and Joshua Edwards. All were awarded US Savings Bonds.

Len Pearson and the Leo Club members share the magic of the holidays at Park Lawn.

2007-08 State Scholars Oak Lawn Community High School

Oak Lawn Community High School is pleased to announce that the following students have been named 2007-08 State Scholars by The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC):

Kamil Alberski (Oak Lawn), Jacob Arnold (Oak Lawn), Lillian Benson (Oak Lawn), Margaret Bojko (Oak Lawn), Lauren Brightmore (Oak Lawn), Christopher Buettner, (Hometown), Katherine Calandriello (Oak Lawn), Daniel Cassidy (Oak Lawn), Oksana Darmograi (Oak Lawn), Jason Dunk (Hometown), Eileen Eck (Oak Lawn), Philip Egan (Oak Lawn), Kristi Elvidge (Oak Lawn), Scott Evtuch (Oak Lawn), Brian Fay (Oak Lawn), Katie Felton (Oak Lawn), Brittany Foley (Oak Lawn), David Ford (Oak Lawn), Delia Goldrick (Oak Lawn), Salem Jafilan (Oak Lawn), Frank Kenny (Hometown), Thomas Koegel (Oak Lawn), William Lindelof (Hometown), Andrew Macas (Oak Lawn), Geoffrey McGraw (Oak Lawn), Kevin McGuinness (Hometown), Jennifer Minnis (Oak Lawn), Angeline Nalepa (Oak Lawn), Kellie Radnis (Oak Lawn), Payal Rana (Oak Lawn), Robert Raschke (Oak Lawn), Samantha Rusher (Oak Lawn), Michael Russell (Oak Lawn), Jake Shelpman (Oak Lawn), Theresa Slonskis (Oak Lawn), Kelly Small (Oak Lawn), Steven Strom (Oak Lawn), Matthew Stryker (Oak Lawn), Matthew Styreula (Oak Lawn), Simas Tamosaitis (Oak Lawn), and Kevin Thompson (Oak Lawn).

These students are among the approximately 144,000 Illinois graduating high school seniors. The achievement recognizes students for exemplary college entrance examination scores and high school achievements.

Richards High School Leo Club Visits Park Lawn

Len Pearson, Director of Richards High School Leo Club in Oak Lawn and his students recently visited Park Lawn's program participants spreading holiday cheer throughout at their annual holiday gathering. The morning started with a sing along as the Leo Club students sang Christmas carols with program participants. The group distributed cookies and presented Park Lawn with a very generous holiday donation. Of course, the visit would not be complete without Mr. Pearson leading the group in the Hokie-Pokie.

The Richards High School Leo Club has been celebrating Christmas with Park Lawn for over 30 years.

Thank you to Len Pearson and the Leo Club for their many years of continued support.

Merry Christmas from Village View

Read Jacki Mari on Page 6!

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Letter to the editor

From Snackville Junction

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for another Great Thanksgiving Day at Snackville. Your generosity and willingness to help others less fortunate really made a difference! We made approximately 500 pounds of food and served over 175 dinners in a short 4 hour span. We made approximately 40 deliveries serving over 100 meals at home to shut-ins who could not come to Snackville to eat. We also had 20 take-out dinners that were picked up by neighborhood families wishing to drop off a dinner or two.

Our own employees and friends volunteered their time and friendliness to help with all the preparations and service. We delivered to Evergreen Park, Oak Lawn, Burbank, Beverly, Blue Island, Chicago Lawn, Roseland, Worth and Alsip. Special thanks to Most Holy Redeemer Girl Scouts!—Thanks girls. Great project.

Special recognition to a few other very generous contributors: Larry O'Connell, Restaurant Depot, Tuzik Bakery, Rich Minnella, (Chef at Whitney's bar & Grille) and Turano Baking Co. Through these and so many other donations, we were able to give families extra food to enjoy 'leftovers' throughout the holiday weekend. There are always some good stories, a few tears and lots of hugs!

We really apprcciate all of your donations and hope to continue this tradition annually, if we are still around. We invite you to stop into Snackville at any time in the future and let us express our thanks personally. Your generosity made a lot of people happy and we appreciate every one of you!

Have a wonderful Christmas Season and a safe and prosperous 2007.

Very sincerely yours
Jeff and Linda Silhan

Doody's Doodlings

by Marijo Doody

It would not be Christmas Tide without Chicago's own Joffrey Ballet performing "The Nutcracker Ballet" at Chicago's Roosevelt University Auditorium Theatre. This year's production has the grand daughter of Alfrida Jablonski, Evergreen Park resident. Janine Jablonski, is the daughter of Jerry from Downers Grove, Illinois and is in the Cavalry Mice in 'The Magical Battleground.' Janine is 14 and in eight grade in the gifted program at Avery Coovley School in Downers Grove. She has been dancing since a young child and has been with the Salt Creek Ballet group. She has danced with them at Governor's State locally. This is her first experience with Chicago's Joffrey Ballet and is thrilled to be picked. Her grandmother indicated it would be good on her resume.

After the Musichorale performance at St. Hugh Church in Lyons, many of the singers went to supper at The View on Harlem. Alex Nelius of Burbank picked up the check and treated 30+ members to supper. What a nice feeling they group had in being appreciated. Of course they sang several Christmas songs at the restaurant. Mr. Nelius is the person who gives $100 to White Sox's charities every time a Sox player hits a home run. Several years ago he won a lottery. It is nice to hear of good deeds for the Christmas holidays. Maybe at some time he will help in the scholarship fund for young musicians. Musichorale 60 Noel concert was a great success at Trinity Christian College and over 800 attended the concert.

We heard from Francine Lazzar that her son, Justin got to play in the Brother Rice City Championship game last month at Soldiers Field. He was greatly thrilled to play where the Bears play. Go Bears!!

Hometown News

Thomas J. Holewinski graduated from the Air National Guard Academy of Military Science at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Knoxville, Tenn., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air National Guard.

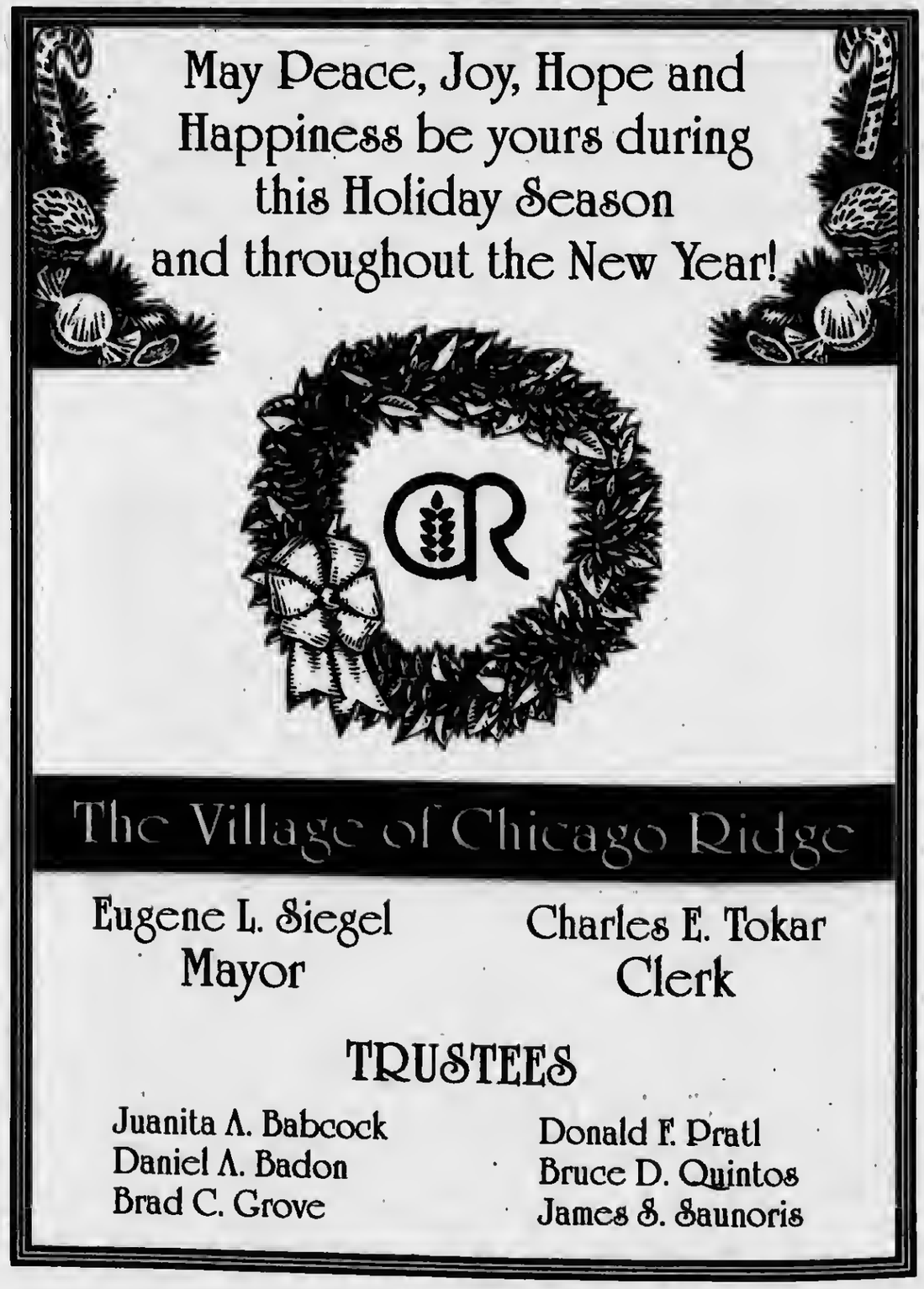
The six-week, in-resident course curriculum is designed to prepare the officer candidate for initial assignment as a commissioned officer and to serve as a foundation to build a career in the Air Force reserve components. The major subject areas of instruction included military studies, physical training, academic studies, professional development, communicative skills, leadership and management, international security and defense studies.

After graduation, the lieutenant either attends further career development training or returns to his or her resident state unit of assignment.

Holewinski is an intelligence officer assigned to the 183rd Fighter Wing, Springfield, Ill.

He is the son of Thomas J. and Lucy A. Holewinski of W. 131st, Palos Park, Ill.

In 1991, he graduated from Carl Sandburg High School, Orland Park, Ill., and received an associate degree in 2001 from the Community College of the Air Force. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2002 from Governors State University, University Park, Ill.



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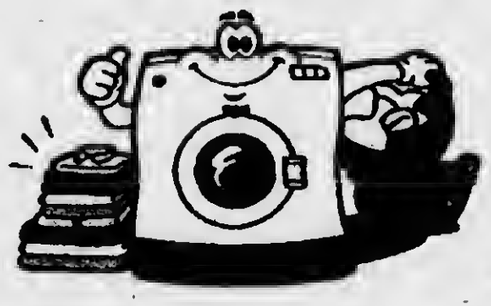

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Best Wishes.

Carlene O'Connor.

Help Needed on Park for Families With Dogs

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank everyone in the community who has been supportive of constructing a park for families with dogs in our area. Parks for families with dogs are growing in popularity across Illinois and Cook County. There are at least 16 of these parks in Cook County and I am glad that Oak Lawn residents can now benefit by having a place to bring their dogs that is close to home.

Parks for families with dogs service a growing population that include traditional families, seniors, and singles. It is something that can be enjoyed safely by almost everyone.

As we move forward with the construction of the park, I think it is important to find ways to defer costs away from taxpayers. As dog owners who use the park we have a responsibility to not only share in the costs of the park, but also in the maintenance of the park. A well maintained beautiful park helps everyone share a more enjoyable experience.

Right now we are in the process of creating a committee made up of area residents who are interested in helping to build and maintain a dog park in our area. Activities will include fundraising for the park, developing ideas for the future of the park, and participating in activities to promote the continued success of the park. If you are interested in getting involved at any level, please contact me at 708-203-1412 or MaryListens@hotmail.com

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for December 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com & AstroXtras* & also visit *JackiMari.Com and Telafriend. Merry Christmas to all!*

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: You seem to have gone through some tough & stressful times recently. It's over! Believe it!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Read the above message & add this: irritable people can be the source of what you are going through.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: The time is right to talk "to" people about your needs, not "at" them. Money comes soon.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You have full power & control of your life now. Speak up & ask for what you need.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Because people are not "mind readers" you have to let them in on what is bothering you.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Some of you dream of loved ones & angels. Something really beautiful happens.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Tis the season for giving, true, but why not give more love & understanding to family?

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message & add this: money is not the root of all evil. It can be used for good things. Sharing is the answer.

Born on the 9th 18th 27th or any sign & Pisces: Be at peace with yourself, you are on the right track & will soon know true love.

Why not have a Confidential Psychic Session with me about your year ahead? It's a perfect time to do this. And you can have Hypnotherapy for most any problem area. We specialize in Past Life Regression. So often a problem can be from a Past Life Memory, as written about now by M.D.'s who are finally realizing what I've been saying for decades. Psychic Counseling also available. I like to call it "Added Dimension Counseling," as I bring in the Psychic Side of life…it can provide insight you may need. For **1 or 2 questions** go online to ***ePSYCHICanswers @ JackiMari.Com***. Call for a **Psychic House Party…708-597-5866 for information.**

Classes on how you can *forecast your own future* in Jan. at *Phyllis' Coffee House* **[4655 W. 147th St. Midlothian]** & next **Mini-Psychic Sessions Jan 8th. Mini-Psychic Sessions** at the *Oak Forest Bowl* **[152nd & S. Cicero] Jan 15th** from 7 pm. Walk-ins welcome. Call us. I'm at the **Baymont Inn/Alsip Tues for all Regular services** [by appt. only]. ***Speaking Engagements with audience participation.***

Psychic Insights
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Faith

Q.J.W. asks, "I have been doing some numerology & worked out the word *Faith*, & as you know it comes to a single digit #8. Doesn't the #8 offer challenge?" A. Yes it does but…it also represents help in *healing*. Q.L.P. says, "I had lost all *Faith* because everything I did or said was being taken wrong & people just seemed to fail me in every way. I don't know how or why I got it back, but it's back & my life has turned around. Do you know why this happened to me?" A. Our Creator never leaves us on our own. Something deep inside you had to have happened that made you ready again to believe in yourself & the Creator.

Jacki Mari & Alyn

Data Show Students Improve Dramatically During High School Years

While most Americans grade high schools by their state's annual assessment, educators know better. For years, school boards, administrators and teachers have stressed how student growth – how much students improve over their four years of high school – provides the one true measure of educational effectiveness.

State assessments, when examined independently, merely provide a snapshot of ability levels and supply no information on whether a group of students has improved over time.

Analyzing standardized assessments across four years shows whether students grow over time. Today in District 218, data from standardized test scores supply evidence clearly demonstrating that students improve skill levels dramatically.

District staff tracked test scores for the current senior class. Calculations span from their results on the Explore test, which they took as eighth graders to indicate academic readiness for high school; the PLAN test, which they took as freshmen and sophomores; and, the ACT, which is the first day of testing of the Prairie State Achievement Exam as juniors. The College Board, which designs and administers the ACT, produces all three of these tests, which are correlated and used for tracking the success of a particular cohort of students.

District 218, where ACT scores have improved for five straight years, likely will experience a small decline for the Class of 2007. Analysis over time reveals, however, that district students have demonstrated steady growth. "When you look at the percentages of students in the various ranges, the movement is in the right direction," Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Dr. Kevin McCaffrey said to the Board earlier this month.

Analysis of the College Readiness Standards — derived from Explore (8th grade placement), PLAN (grades 9 and 10), and PSAE/ACT (grade 11) — across the past four years reveals noteworthy trends. Data, in general, indicated that students moved out of lower-achieving ranges and into mid- and higher- achieving ranges. Specifically, the data from the Explore, PLAN, and PSAE reveal the following between 8th grade and 11th grades:

In the lowest score range, the district improved from 23% to 5% (that means, as eighth graders, one in four scored in the lowest range and, as juniors, one in 20 did);

In the second lowest range, the district improved from 41% to 21%;

In the middle range, the district increased from 29% to 33%; and,

In the high-scoring ranges, the district increased from 7% to 41%.

Village View Employee Bowls a Perfect Game

Tuesday Classic Men's League at Palos Lanes One of our delivery persons, Steve Bilski from Worth, IL did it again. This is the second time he bowled a perfect game of 300. He has done this twice in three years. He had an 800 plus series the first time and this time he had a 744 series. Steve said, "I have along way to go to catch up with my son Keith and his13 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze in Special Olympics. Steve also called last week to say he bowl a 279.Congratulations big guy!

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This Christmas will be different. I had never given much thought to what life would be like as an empty nester. When the girls were away at college they were still around on weekends, spring break and summer vacation. When our youngest daughter, Katie, graduated from college she moved up north to the independence of her own apartment. I barely had time to contemplate life without my children at home. I was kept busy helping my oldest child, Jaime, plan her wedding. Before we knew it, the wedding was here and gone and so was our other little girl. Suddenly, we were left with two bedrooms, bare of our daughter's belongings and the stark reality that we were officially empty nesters.

This past Thanksgiving Bill and I found ourselves putting the finishing touches on our festive feast while anxiously looking forward to our kids coming for dinner.

They came, they ate, and I did what every mother does afterward - I packed up leftovers for them to take home. It's different now. I feel that they are my guests and I enjoy doting on them.

Today, the totes and boxes of Christmas stuff are stacked all over the family room, ready and waiting to be unpacked. At the moment I have no incentive to begin the daunting task of decorating, but once I get started I know I won't stop until every snowman, angel and nativity figurine are in their place. This Christmas will be different. We'll wake up Christmas morn to an empty house. The presents will sit under the tree as we patiently wait for our grown daughters to come home for Christmas.

I have mixed feelings about reaching this empty nest phase of life. Always trying to be the optimist, I look for the advantages. For instance, going through the treasure trove of Christmas knick-knacks, I spy the sentimental souvenirs whose meaning spans over 30 years of married life.

Logically I must accept that our lives are a continual work in progress, and I know that change is what makes life worthliving.

As I crack the lid on the first tote I immediately see the the snowman figurine I purchased last year. Across the bottom are the words - 'My Family Is My Treasure.' Those are the words I live by.

With Christmas carols serenading my senses and inspiring me to deck the halls - I find myself merrily singing along with the song playing on the radio. "I'll Be Home For Christmas -You Can count On Me."

My daughters may no longer live in my home, but home is where I hope their hearts will always be.

This Christmas will be different, and as we grow in the experience of new challenges and expand upon new horizons, one thing will never, ever change, and that's the comfort found in being part of a family.

And, so it is, with open arms, I welcome my family home for the holidays.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK~

A hug is a perfect gift for Christmas; one size fits all and it's easily returned. (Evelyn Beilenson.)

Argue For The Fun Of It This Spring At Moraine Valley

Love to argue? Want to win? Learn to master the skillful art of debate in Moraine Valley's Argumentation class, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. during the spring 2007 semester.

This core communication course teaches students academic debate skills while increasing their knowledge of current controversial issues. By working in teams, students will learn how to analyze arguments to strengthen their own argument or to point out flaws in an opponent's case and how to defend their point of view with logic and evidence.

The coursework will disprove some common misconceptions about debate and will teach students how to be a good sport during a debate, how to speak in timed segments while remaining calm, the rules about citing current research and using an outline, and how to overcome nervousness.

Students interested in this fun course taught by Krista Appelquist, assistant professor of Speech and coach of the forensics team, may be law, philosophy, or communication majors or may just love to argue. They must already have taken Composition and Speech Fundamentals to be eligible to enroll.

Registration for the spring semester is underway. Classes begin the week of January 16. In-district tuition is $67 per credit hour plus fees and books. Students can register in person by visiting the Admissions, Records and Registration office, located in the College Center, on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TTY for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students also can register online at morainevalley.edu.

Information on all credit and non-credit classes is available in the spring 2007 class schedule or online at morainevalley.edu.

For news media inquiries, call Jessica Crotty, College and Community Relations coordinator, at (708) 974-5281, or e-mail her at crotty@morainevalley.edu.

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The Oak Lawn Hilton will host a Winter Wedding Faire and Fashion Show on Thursday, January 4, 2007. Doors open at 5:30pm and the fashion Show is at 8pm. House of Brides, located in Oak Lawn, Schaumberg, Glen Ellyn and Chicago will be featuring a wedding gown collection.

Black Tie Formalwear with branches in Oak Lawn and Orland Park will be showing their best formalware attire. Music is by Professional DJ Services in Tinley Park.

Prospective brides are encouraged to come early and visit with the forty plus exhibitors who can help plan the perfect wedding. Register for prizes, tour the hotel suites and Tower Room and enjoy cheese and champagne. Book one of the three Hotel's Honeymoon Package and receive a 20% discount.

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Sandra Delgado and Andrew Perez in *Sonia Flew* by Melinda Lopez, directed by Jessica Thebus. The production plays in the Steppenwolf Downstairs Theatre through February 4, 2007. For tickets, visit www.steppenwolf.org or call 312-335-1650. Credit Michael Brosilow.

Family Secrets Are in "Sonia Flew"

by Marijo Doody

It is a tale of two worlds where the media awaits Castro's demise and Americans ponder the mid-eastern conflict. Playwright Melinda Lopez in the current Steppenwolf's production "Sonia Flew" ponders the fate of kids who escaped Castro's rule and the aftermath of life effects. It is her using the Cuban immigration experience from "Peter Pan" in the 60's where a child was sent to the United States to escape Castro's reign .The idea of children, mothers and safety was drawn from the exodus. What about the child's felt abandonment? The secret no one talked about in later relationships. It is so true in families!

In the play's first act, Zak (Andrew Perez), the son announces he has joined the Marines in the post 9-11 time to protect his mother, Sonia (Sandra Marquez) who is suffering anxiety from 9-11 and past memories. She freaks out! She has married a Jewish man a while ago. They are trying to have holidays with both Jewish and Cuban traditions. Foods are supposed to heal! Her father-in-law was a Polish Jew in World War II and is suffering posttraumatic stress from that. No one gets healing!

Act II opens some 40 years back to the scene where Sonia as a young girl is in the Cuban Youth movement with a friend. He turns in her parents for having a radio. The parents put her on a plane for the US with the fake visa as in Operation Peter Pan. She never sees her parents again. Her father is shot and her mother drowns. She feels abandonment. As an adult she never resolves the problem and even though her husband is a psychologist, he cannot help her. Her son goes into the marines and looses an arm and his colleague. Is it worth it to fight in the mid-east? We cannot win!

Acting is excellent by the Steppenwolf players including Jeff Still and Sandra Delgado. Melinda Lopez, the playwright, has a great ability to really get inside people and examine the paranoid more difficult humors that flow through us. Things we cannot understand become cleared in her words. She has not been to Cuba

As her parents gave her an idealized version and their memories were positive and seemed wonderful. The friend that was with me at the performance had been to Cuba before and after Castro and confirmed the fact. There is pain, joy, passion and commerce in the weird fractured history between Cuba and the United States.

Tickets are $20-$65 for the Steppenwolf Theatre and the play runs through February 4, 2007 in the Downstairs Theatre. The box office phone number is 312-335-1650. The theater is accessible to public transportation.

Local Theatre Directors Receive Awards

Artistic Director James Bohnen of Remy Bumppo Theatre, Jim Lasko of Redmoon Theatre and Meade Palidorgsky of Music Theatre Workshop were honored recently with the first annual Meier Achievement Award. The award has a $16,000 grant to each artist which was awarded by Tim Meier and Helen Coburn Meier Foundation that recognizes gifted artist in mid-career.

Helen Coburn Meier indicated "the award is given out during Thanksgiving as a thank you to gifted individuals who seriously commit themselves to work on the arts in Chicago." The husband and wife artist to encourage artists in mid-careers founded the Meier Achievement Award.

Gift Theatre Company Celebrates 5 Years

The Gift Theatre Company celebrates 5 years with Noel Coward's hilarious classic Blithe Spirit which runs January 18-March 11, 2007 at the Gift Theatre 4802 N Milwaukee.

Gift Theatre Company received critical acclaim for all four of its productions in last year's inaugural season in Jefferson Park and had received a Jeff Citation Award for Best Actor in a Leading Role for ensemble member Paul D'Addario.

Show times are at 8pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and Sunday at 3pm. Tickets are $20 and $25. Call Gift Theatre Company box office at 773-283-7071.

Don't Miss The Live Frogs at Museum of Science and Industry

Hop on down to the MSI before it is too late! Frogs A Chorus of Colors lets you explore more than 150 brilliantly colored frogs from 15 different countries that are showcased in custom habitats that mimic their natural environments. Frogs come in every color and size and are the most adaptable creatures on earth and live on every continent except Antarctica.

The exhibit introduces guests to the unique attributes of these amphibians and their scientific significance, particularly as their populations are dwindling due to climate changes, pollution and other environmental factors. Throughout the exhibit guests are encouraged to get a 'frog eye view' by trying their hand as several interactive challenges. This is good for families.

Frogs A Chorus of Colors runs through January 7, 2007 and was created by Clyde Peeling's Reptiland. Entry to the exhibit is by timed ticket and the exhibit has a charge of $5 per person in addition to the Museum's admission. of $11 adults, $9.50 seniors and $7 children 3-11.

National Honor Society Members (from back left) Sam Saracco (Oak Lawn), Nicole Paprocki (Oak Lawn), Katie James (Blue Island), Jen Baron (Justice), Abigail Reyes (Chicago, 6000 bl. of Rockwell), Annabella Vidal-Ruiz (Chicago, 8400 Komensky); (front left) Kelly Bradley (Chicago, 7100 bl. of 64th St.), Mary Love (Chicago, 8100 bl. of Kostner), Stephanie Boxel (Burbank), Christina Moreno (Chicago, 6300 bl. of Keeler), and Kristen Lewis (Oak Lawn).

Queen of Peace Lends a Hand During Holidays

During this holiday season, Queen of Peace High School students volunteer in multiple ways to help those in need. Members of the Poverty and Hunger Task Force at Queen of Peace have resumed their monthly trips to the Greater Chicago Food Depository this year.

When the students arrived at the depository this past November and December, they helped re-package food that had been donated from businesses and that will be distributed to various food pantries and shelters in the Chicagoland area. "This is the second year the task force has worked at the depository, and it is very gratifying to feel that you are helping others," noted Judy Zitlow, co-moderator of the Poverty and Hunger Task Force.

Members of Peace's chapter of the National Honor Society also began collecting food for the holiday season. The National Honor Society asked residents of Burbank, Oak Lawn, and parts of Chicago to assist in their efforts. Households were asked to have donations ready and to leave these non-perishable items on their porches. Peace students have spent the afternoon and evenings collecting bags of groceries.

The efforts of these organizations are meant to encourage community building, inspire a dedication to service, and promote the values of peace and justice.

Oak Lawn Park District Spring Trips

On March 21 Tommy Gun's Garage features The Roaring 20's style speakeasy musical comedy with Da Flappers, Da Hood, the dolls, and you! Music is from that era gone-bye! There is food and drink. The trip deadline is March 7 and it departs from the Community Pavilion. Fee is $50/$55(nr).

On April 13 there is a trip to Mississippi Belle Casino in Clinton Iowa. Fee is $20/$25(nr). There is food, gambling and stuff.(penny and nickel machines) Registration deadline is March 30. The trip departs from the Oak View Center.

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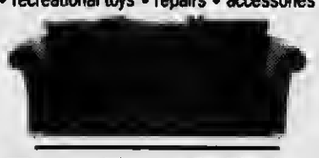

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Oak Forest Approves Fiscal Year Taxes

By Matt Mayer

The City Council approved an ordinance at the Dec. 12 Oak Forest City Council meeting to abate certain taxes of the 1999 corporate purpose bond for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2006 and ending April 30, 2007 as well as an ordinance to abate certain taxes general obligation refunding bonds, series 2004B for fiscal year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007 along with an ordinance revising the city municipal code to provide for municipal utility taxes. An ordinance regarding the City 2007 municipal tax levy, which includes as 10.24% property tax levy reduction was also approved.

An ordinance to allow the issuance of a special use permit to construct a single family home in an R-5 residential district located at 4925 W. 155th Street was approved as well as an ordinance request from Norbar Builders for a special use permit to construct a single family home in a preliminary plat for a two-lot single family residential subdivision along 155th Street.

An agreement with HNTB Corporation for a contract for services regarding the city owned Metra lot at 159th Street and Cicero Avenue along with a Public Works resolution with the Illinois Department of Transportation, which allows for a funding correction for the Metra sidewalk phase 1 project was also approved. A public works request to waive the bidding process and award a contract to Martin Implement Sales, Inc for a skid steer loader was also approved.

Tinley Park Library News

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library presents Game day on Thursday, January 4, 2007 from 2-3"30pm for children 8-11 who are on winter break with nothing to do are invited to play games and share a snack. Bring your favorite board game or try one of ours. Registration begins December 4. For information call YSD at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library invites grades 6-12 to attend Around the world on Friday December 29 from 7-8:30pm. We go back to a different time period and explore Greece. For information call YSD at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

Youth Services at the Tinley Park Library presents "You Pick. We Play" on Friday January 5 from 7-8:30pm. Teens in grades 6-12 and are into TV can stop by and pick up a program that they would like to see and we will play it. Of course there are snacks. For information call YSD at 708-532-0160 ex 2.

The Tinley Park Public Library is located 7851 Timber Drive.

Together We Cope – from the Retired Telephone Employees of ATT/SBC Telephone Pioneers – Indian Trails Life Member Club.

Photo includes Executive Director Kathy Straniero and volunteers

Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising in Oak Forest

OAK FOREST, Illinois – The City of Oak Forest has contracted with AK Underground of Tinley Park to clean and inspect 15 miles sanitary sewers beginning Monday, December 11th. The sewer mains will be pressure jetted clean, root cut, and televised as part of a proactive maintenance program to insure that the city's sanitary sewer system continues to function properly. The cleaning and inspection work will improve system performance, significantly reduce the chance of future sewer backups, and visually inspect and record conditions of the underground pipe network.

Residents are asked to look for notices sent out by the Department of Public Works to all homes that will be affected. The area initially impacted by the sanitary sewer cleaning and televising includes from Pine Road eastward to addresses in the 6000 block between Victoria Drive and 159th Street. Work will continue north of Victoria Drive/James Drive to 151st Street, from Ridgeland Avenue eastward to Long Avenue.

Cleaning the sewer lines can sometimes creates a back pressure on the sanitary system. The water jetting and vacuuming process causes a vacuum in the sewer main. This will not affect most homes, but some homes may experience problems with inadequate or partially blocked drain vents. The vacuum may cause "P traps" (the little S-shaped bend in the pipe under sinks and drains) to be sucked dry. Oak Forest residents who notice a sewer smell are advised to run a small amount of water into the drains to refill the P-traps.

Residents may notice a gurgling or bubbling noise when work is occurring in your neighborhood. The City is asking for your cooperation by making sure that the lids to all your toilets be left closed. This will help minimize any mess that may occur if there is a back pressure problem. Although this condition is rare it has occurred in past programs.

This sanitary sewer cleaning and televising work will be completed in early spring 2007. For additional information, contact the Oak Forest Public Works Department at (708) 535-4090.

Merry Christmas from Village View

Teen Holiday Happenings

Tinley Park, Illinois, December 4, 2006 – The Tinley Park-Park District's Pit Stop Teen Center presents Holiday Happenings on December 28 and January 3 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to stop by for karaoke, game tournaments, refreshments and much more! The Pit Stop Teen Center is located inside the Bettenhausen Recreation Center at 8125 W. 171st Street. Recreation Center membership or daily entrance fee is required for entry. Also, the Teen Center and game room will be open extra hours during the holiday break (schedule posted at the recreation center). For more information, please contact the Park District at 342-4200.

Entrance Exam Given at Mount Assisi Academy

Lemont, Illinois – December 13, 2006:

Mount Assisi Academy, 13860 Main Street, Lemont, will hold its Entrance Exam for incoming freshmen students on Saturday, January 13, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. No pre-registration is required. Students will need to bring $25 in the form of cash or a check made payable to Mount Assisi Academy, three #2 pencils, and a calculator.

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Mount Assisi Academy Announces Illinois State Scholars

Lemont, Illinois – December 15, 2006:

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Chicago residents Jennifer Dalcerro and Rachel Rupp, Lemont resident Christina Yang, and Orland Park residents Colleen Norwell, Lori Puchalski, and Teresa Wolfenson have been honored with this distinction by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC).

Read Jacki Mari on Page 6!

Jacki Mari

*Num*Astrology

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by Jacki Mari and Alyn

Physic Predictions

For all Signs for December 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com* & *AstroXtras* & also visit *JackiMari.Com and Telafriend. Merry Christmas to all!*

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Born on the 1st 10th 19th 28th of any sign & Leo: You seem to have gone through some tough & stressful times recently. It's over! Believe it!

Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Read the above message & add this: irritable people can be the source of what you are going through.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: The time is right to talk "to" people about your needs, not "at" them. Money comes soon.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You have full power & control of your life now. Speak up & ask for what you need.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Because people are not "mind readers" you have to let them in on what is bothering you.

Born on the 6th 15th 24th of any sign & Taurus & Libra: Some of you dream of loved ones & angels. Something really beautiful happens.

Born on the 7th 16th 25th of any sign & Aquarius: Tis the season for giving, true, but why not give more love & understanding to family?

Born on the 8th 17th 26th of any sign & Aries & Scorpio: Read the above message & add this: money is not the root of all evil. It can be used for good things. Sharing is the answer.

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Pictured left to right are Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien and Mayor Jerry Bennett.

Dedication to Government Award

Jerry Bennett, Mayor of Palos Hills and President of the Southwest Suburban Mayors Association, presented an award to Commissioner Terrence J. O'Brien, President of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

President Bennett stated that "President O'Brien is one of the most outstanding public officials in the State of Illinois. For his many years of superb cooperation, the 27 Mayors that comprise the association are pleased to present this award."

Pre-filing Notice for Chicago Ridge Elections

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Chicago Ridge,10455 S. Ridgeland Ave., Chicago Ridge, Cook County, Illinois will be open from 8:30 a.m. to5:30 p.m. beginning Monday, January 29, 2007through Monday February5, 2007 for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions or certificates for the Consolidated Election to be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2007 for the following offices: Village of Chicago Ridge: (3) Village Trustee full 4 year term Chicago Ridge Public Library(2) Full 6 year term(1) un-expired 4 year term(1) un-expired 2 year term.

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Chicago Ridge Officials Discuss Metra Station Situation

By Matt Mayer

Village officials at the Dec. 5 Chicago Ridge Board of Trustees meeting discussed complaints regarding the Metra station, such as debris and filthy conditions when commuters arrive in the morning. According to Police Chief Tim Baldermann and Public Works Director Jack Lind, there have also been occurrences of people starting fires and sleeping in the station after the last train departure at 11 p.m. Mayor Gene Siegel requested that Lind contact Metra requesting that they close the station within one half hour of 11 p.m. departure. Lind however said that Metra wants to keep the station open 24 hours. The previous system Metra had was that after the last departure, the doors would automatically lock. "I will try to get Metra to return to the previous system," Lind said.

Village officials also discussed a smoking ban ordinance. Municipalities, which don't have an ordinance in place by March 15, 2007, will have to adopt the Cook County Smoking Ban, which was adopted on March 15, 2006. This ordinance is stricter than the Chicago ordinance. The Chicago ordinance will not go into effect until July 1, 2008 due to being implemented prior to the Cook County ordinance. A public hearing to discuss the smoking ban will take place on Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the municipal center. The next meeting is Dec. 21.

Martial Arts, Self Defense Now Offered at Moraine Valley

Whether you want to work your way up to a black belt or simply want to learn skillful techniques to defend yourself, the Martial Arts for Beginners noncredit class at Moraine Valley will help you meet your goals. Beginning January 27, the six-week class will meet on Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room G200. The cost is $60.

Open to students of all ages and abilities, this hands-on class will introduce the fundamentals of Martial Arts and self-defense and help increase stamina, flexibility, self-confidence, and self-discipline. The proven techniques taught do not require strength or speed and are practiced successfully by people of varying levels.

For more information on this course or other noncredit courses offered at Moraine Valley, visit morainevalley.edu or call Workforce Development and Community Services at (708) 974-5735.

Registration for spring 2007 is underway. Students can register in person at the Admissions, Records and Registration Office, located in the College Center on campus, 9000 W. College Pkwy., Palos Hills, or by calling (708) 974-2110 (TT/TDD for the hearing impaired 708-974-9556). Previously enrolled students can register online at morainevalley.edu.

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Love to argue? Want to win? Learn to master the skillful art of debate in Moraine Valley's Argumentation class, which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. during the spring 2007 semester.

This core communication course teaches students academic debate skills while increasing their knowledge of current controversial issues. By working in teams, students will learn how to analyze arguments to strengthen their own argument or to point out flaws in an opponent's case and how to defend their point of view with logic and evidence.

The coursework will disprove some common misconceptions about debate and will teach students how to be a good sport during a debate, how to speak in timed segments while remaining calm, the rules about citing current research and using an outline, and how to overcome nervousness.

Students interested in this fun course taught by Krista Appelquist, assistant professor of Speech and coach of the forensics team, may be law, philosophy, or communication majors or may just love to argue. They must already have taken Composition and Speech Fundamentals to be eligible to enroll.

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Merry Christmas from Village View

Village Clerk Bonnie Price swearing in Patrol Officer Maripat Pawlowski at the December 5, Village of Worth Board Meeting.

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*Num*Astrology

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Physic Predictions

For all Signs for December 19th: I use Numerology w/ Astrology (*Num*Astrology) & my Psychic Insight! Initials (if given) can be first or last names of people involved. Some people get 2 messages. This column is also online. Just go to *TheDailyPsychic.Com* & *AstroXtras* & also visit *JackiMari.Com and Telafriend. Merry Christmas to all!*

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Born on the 2nd 11th 20th 29th of any sign & Cancer: Read the above message & add this: irritable people can be the source of what you are going through.

Born on the 3rd 12th 21st 30th of any sign & Sagittarius: The time is right to talk "to" people about your needs, not "at" them. Money comes soon.

Born on the 4th 13th 22nd 31st of any sign & Capricorn: You have full power & control of your life now. Speak up & ask for what you need.

Born on the 5th 14th 23rd of any sign & Gemini & Virgo: Because people are not "mind readers" you have to let them in on what is bothering you.

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Village View Employee Bowls a Perfect Game

Tuesday Classic Men's League at Palos Lanes One of our delivery persons, Steve Bilski from Worth, IL did it again. This is the second time he bowled a perfect game of 300. He has done this twice in three years. He had an 800 plus series the first time and this time he had a 744 series. Steve said, "I have along way to go to catch up with my son Keith and his13 gold, 2 silver, and 1 bronze in Special Olympics. Steve also called last week to say he bowl a 279.Congratulations big guy!

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